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HELLAS SET FOR NATIONAL TITLE

St. George coach Manfred Schaefer.

South Melbourne Hellas and St. George will play the second leg of the unofficial Australian championship at Olympic Park on Friday night.

The teams drew 1-1 (see page 4) in the first leg in Sydney last week. Away goals count double, so a scoreless draw on Friday would be enough to give Hellas the unofficial title of Australian champion.

Earlier in the season, St. George, then featuring Francis Lee of England, beat Hellas 4-2 under lights at Olympic Park.

St. George, coached by Manfred Schaefer, had a brilliant record in the NSW First Division this year, winning the championship with a total of 38 points — one more than Hellas — 65 goals scored and 17 goals conceded.

Hellas scored only 40 goals to 22.

St. George's team is studded with Australian Internationals. They are Doug Utjesenovic, George Harris, Harry Williams, Brendan Grosse, Attila Abonyi and Mark Jankovic.

Its top scorer — also top scorer in the NSW First Division — was big striker Neville Morgan who notched 18 goals for the season.

Jankovic got 12, Abonyi 11, Fred Aitken 7 and Utjesenovic — a full back — got 6.

Hellas will almost certainly field Arthur Xanthopoulos, although he is leaving for Greece within the next few weeks, and Mike Pye, who missed the first leg match because he was on holidays.

American actor Nico Minardo, who is in the film "Assault on Agatha", opening at the Mayfair, will kick off the match.

Minardo has been in about 20 American films and various TV series including "Name of the Game."

Likely line-ups for tonight's game:

HELLAS: John Kennedy; Mike Pye, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Steve Walker, Margaritis Hagegmanouil; Howard Andrews, Jimmy Mackay, Peter Bourne; Duncan Cummings, Peter Ollerton, Jimmy Armstrong. Subs: Chris Kalafatidis, Giovanni Batticciotto, Jim Alexiou and John Daperis.

ST. GEORGE: Martin Coe; Douge Utjesenovic, Paul Coton, John O'Shea, Harry Williams; George Harris, Brendan Grosse, Roberto Echeverria; Attila Abonyi, Neville Morgan, Fred Aitken. Subs: Jankovic, Mendez.

Hellas coach Manny Poulakakis.

Top honor to Tansey

They're the best in their field, and they've been honored for their talent by the Victorian Soccer Press Association. Pride of place goes to Jim Tansey (second from right), winner of the Bill Fleming Medal as the Victorian Player of the Year. Other winners of SPA awards, from left, are: Chris Bambridge, Referee of the Year; Cedo Cirkovic, Coach of the Year, and Arthur Xanthopoulos, best under 21 player. See pages 2 and 3.

BIG LEAGUE GETS $½ MIL.

The National League has finalised negotiations for sponsorship of $450,000 over three years.

The name of the sponsor, after whom the league will be named will be announced on a nation-wide closed circuit television hook-up on October 14.

The 0-10 network will arrange the hook-up and will probably show parts of it in the news that night.

The leage draw starting date of the competition will also be announced.

Details of a TV programme showing highlights of National League matches will be outlined.

The plan is to show the programme at 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

But prize money for the National League series is yet to be finalised.

League officials are talking with prospective sponsors willing to put out stake money.

The National League is still undecided about whether or not it should run a pre-season competition.

Some argue that the league would have a bigger impact if it started cold.

Those who disagree point out that without a pre-season series, the national league would have no vehicle for publicity.

Also, if the league started cold, there would be the danger of poor matches in the first few weeks.

Polonia rewarded for its former greatness

Polonia has been re-admitted to the State League.

The club finished last and was officially relegated according to the rules of the VSF constitution.

But with four vacancies created by the departure of Hellas, J.U.S.T., Mooroolbark and Alexander to the National League, the opportunity was there for the VSF to acknowledge Polonia's fine contribution to soccer over the years by readmitting the club.

It was a tribute to the VSF that it chose to do so.

Although Polonia has fared poorly over the past few years, few clubs can match its overall achievements.

Formed by Polish migrants in 1950 at a meeting held at Williamstown migrant hostel and called by founder **Janusz Wyszogrodzki**, Polonia heights of Victorian soccer.

Starting from Fourth Division in 1951, Polonia was promoted each successive year, reaching First Division, the top league at the time, in 1954.

It won the State League championship in 1960, with a total of 37 points, which still stands as a record although Hellas equalled the feat this year.

Polonia again won the championship in 1961, adding the Dockerty Cup as well, plus the Laidlaw World Cup for the second successive year.

It also won the Ampol Cup in 1963 and 1964 but fortunes changed in the more difficult to import star players from Poland.

Who will ever forget the contributions made to soccer by those great Polonia players of the sixties — players like **Eddy Jankowski, Vic Janczyk, Andrew Zientara, Stan Sklarek**, the **Gronowski** brothers, **Wujo Maruszkiewicz, Mike Jurecki, Kaz Kowalec**, and so many more?

If Polonia has been struggling in recent years, the club at least gives local products the chance of playing State League soccer.

Every member of its senior team is a locally-produced player. No other State League club can make the same claim.

Stan Sklarek who played for both Polonias — in Mel-

Sydney's best

This is the "Soccer Action"-Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year for NSW — Bruce Stowell of Pan Hellenic.

Stowell is pictured with a best and fairest trophy he won at Pan Hellenic — one of the many trophies he had collected during his long career.

His Yugoslav Airlines ticket to Europe will be handed to him at the finals match between Hakoah and Marconi at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

Stowell, 34, is tipped to be coach of National League club Sydney Olympic next season.

Before coming to Pan Hellenic three years ago, he played more than 500 matches with Bradford in

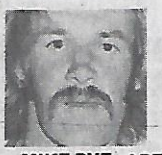
The group in the corner at the presentation, from left Knut Werner (Soccer Action), Gilbert Martin (La Fiamma) and Peter Georgiou (Soccer Action and Hellenic Herald). Knut has his own version of the presentation night on another page of this issue.

From left: Former Slavia goalkeeper Ray Barotas, VSF official John Borg, JUST president Tony Kovac, VSF chairman John Barclay (head turned), VSF president Theo Marmaras, and Jim Barker, president of the Soccer Press Association.

Team of the Year

The Soccer Press Association chose the following State League all-star team of the year:

JOHN KENNEDY (Hellas)



MIKE PYE (Hellas)

ARTHUR XANTHOPOULOS (Hellas)

J. KONDARIOS (J.U.S.T.)

JIM TANSEY (Slavia)

JIM O'REILLY (Slavia)

JIM MACKAY (Hellas)

DAVE RIGBY (Mooroolbark)

TOMMY CUMMING (Sunshine)

GRAHAM FRENCH (Mooroolbark)

BRANKO BULJEVIC (J.U.S.T.)

Cedo Cirkovic our top coach

Cedo Cirkovic of Footscray JUST is the SPA Coach of the Year.

Cirkovic has been one of Victoria's foremost soccer identities for more than 10 years.

He joined JUST in 1965 after having played for Sloboda and Crem in Yugoslavia. Before that he was with the Red Star juniors.

His first stint as coach was in 1968, when JUST was struggling.

His absolute dedication was reflected in a little story he told at the presentation night.

There was an important game coming up and Cirkovic racked his brain, going over tactics and permutations, planning moves, deciding between players.

When it was time to go to work, his wife asked him to take the rubbish bins out with him.

He picked one up while still deep in thought.

When he eventually snapped out of it, he was sitting in the bus, holding that rubbish bin.

When **Rale Rasic** took over as coach in 1969, Cirkovic could once again concentrate on playing and the big centre half had one of his finest seasons that year.

He took up coaching again when he switched to Alexander as player-coach in 1971 and he saved the club from relegation.

In 1972 he became coach of JUST and he hasn't looked back since.

Under his astute leadership, JUST won the State League championship in 1973, the State League Cup in 1974 and the Ampol Cup and State League Cup in 1975.

This year it finished second in the league, but Cirkovic is determined to compensate by taking out the Dockerty and State League Cups.

His success with young players has been outstanding.

Just look at the progress made by **Mendo Ristovski, Zoran Ilioski, Joe Picioane** and **Joe Palinkas.**

He's also been a shrewd team builder.

While other clubs spent fortunes on signing players, Cirkovic, backed by his club president **Tony Kovac**, went out and recruited **Jim Kondarios, Jim Kriaris, Alan Parrott, Dennis Boland** and **Joe Palinkas** for mere pittances.

Everyone had been guessing about Cirkovic's future before the presentation night last week.

He put an end to all speculation when he announced firmly: "I will be with JUST next year!"

Coach of the year Cedo Cirkovic (left), shows his trophy to JUST president Tony Kovac.

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TANSEY TAKES FLEMING MEDAL

Jim Tansey of Slavia has won the 1976 Bill Fleming Medal as the Soccer Press Association Player of the Year.

Formerly called the Argus Medal, it is the oldest best player award in State League soccer.

It is now named after the instigaotr of the medal, Bill Fleming, former soccer writer with the old Argus newspaper.

Mr. Fleming was holidaying in Alice Springs and could not attend the presentation dinner at the Vineyard Restaurant in St. Kilda.

However, he will be back to make the official presentation to Jim Tansey at the Dockerty Cup final on Sunday.

Votes for the medal are given by members of the Soccer Press Association which comprises Melbourne's soccer writers.

Tansey, 22, polled 168 votes.

Runner-up was South Melbourne Hellas midfielder **Jimmy Mackay** with 165 and third **Arthur Xanthopoulos** of Hellas, with 162.

It was the first time that voting has been so close.

SPA members voted on 12 finalists, selected four weeks earlier.

The other finalists were: **Davé Rigby** (Mooroolbark), **Tommy Cumming** (Sunshine), **Eugene Lerch** (Polonia), **Graham French** (Mooroolbark), **Ken Wagstaff** (George Cross), **John Kennedy** (Hellas), **Pat Della Rocca** (Juventus), **Duncan Cummings** (Hellas) and **Branko Buljevic** (JUST).

Accepting the Bill Fleming Medal, Tansey said: "It's been a good season for me. I want to thank my coach, **Ken Kontra**, for all the help he's given me."

It has indeed been a good season for Tansey. He was selected to play for Australia and he is in the squad which will tour Asia and Europe in November.

Tansey came to Slavia from English club South Liverpool three seasons ago.

He played at left back until Kontra switched him to sweeper early this year — with spectacular results.

Kontra has gone as far as describing Tansey as the Beckenbauer of Victorian soccer.

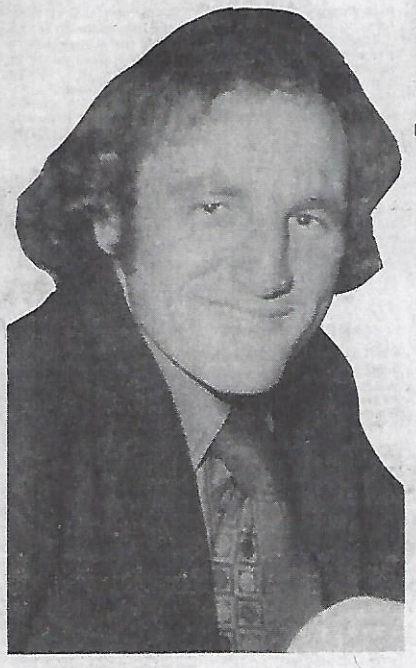
Tansey said after the presentation that he wants to join a National League club next year.

It is known that South Melbourne Hellas and Fitzroy Alexander are keen to sign him.

Knowing that his transfer fee could prove prohibitive, Tansey said: "I hope Slavia will be reasonable.

"I've completed my three-year contract with the club and I've given them good service.

"I hope they will take this into consideration."



Jim Tansey, Player of the Year.

Previous winners of the Argus/Bill Fleming Medal have been:

ARGUS MEDAL

1954—**M. Payne** (South Yarra).
1955—**Mario Busidoni** (Juventus).
1956—**Bob Wemyss** (Polonia), and **Pepe Cubero** (J.U.S.T.) joint winners.
1957—**J. McLeod** (Box Hill).
1958—**Bill Westerveld** (Wilhelmina).
1959—**Angus Drennan** (Box Hill).
1960—**Vic Janczyk** (Polonia).
1961—**Fred Falzon** (George Cross).
1962—**Fred Falzon** (George Cross)
1963—**John Sanchez** (Slavia).
1964—**Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.).
1965—**Goerge Scott** (Juventus).
1966—**Peter Aldis** (Wilhelmina).
1967—**Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.).
1968—**Jim Rooney** (Lions).
1969—**John O'Neill** (Hakoah).
1970—**David Pygall** (Wilhelmina).
1971—**Jim Pyrgolios** (Hellas).
1972—**John Gardiner** (George Cross).
1973—**Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.).
1974—**Jim Armstrong** (Hellas).
1975—**Billy Vojtek** (Juventus).

The best under 21 player, Arthur Xanthopoulos (right) with team mate Jimmy Mackay, donor of the Jimmy Mackay perpetual trophy (pictured).

Farewell present for Xanthopoulos

Hellas defender Arthur Xanthopoulos couldn't have got a better going-away present.

Xanthopoulos won the Jimmy Mackay Golden Boot trophy for the SPA best under 21 player.

In a few weeks he will leave for Greece to try his luck with the great First Division team AEK (not Olympiakos as previously reported).

He will go with his father, **Con**, who played for Hellas and Alexander and who also coached Alexander.

Xanthopoulos, 20, started with Hellas under 14s in 1970 and has been in the senior team since 1972.

He did his matriculation at Fitzroy high school and is planning to do a municipal clerks course at RMIT if he doesn't make it at AEK.

If AEK does sign him, he will stay in Greece indefinitely — a hefty blow to South Melbourne Hellas, but a step towards stardom for this dynamic young player.

As the best under 21 player of 1976, Xanthopoulos' name will be inscribed alongside that of team mate **Duncan Cummins** who won the award in 1975 and 1974, on the Jimmy Mackay perpetual trophy.

The trophy is the boot with which Mackay scored the winning goal against South Korea in Hong Kong in 1973.

The goal qualified Australia for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

The boot is mounted and enclosed. Winners' names are fixed to the base.

Jimmy Mackay himself was there to officially hand over the trophy to the SPA.

Victorian Soccer Federation chairman **John Barclay** said before presenting it to Xanthopoulos: "Jimmy Mackay's goal against South Korean made Australian soccer come of age.

"This trophy will be a source of pride to all the young players who win it in future years.

"It will be kept in perpetuity as one of the most important player awards in soccer."

Arthur Xanthopoulos was chosen by the SOA from among six finalists in the voting for the award.

The others were **Jimmy Cumming** (Sunshine), **Mendo Ristovski** (J.U.S.T.), **Duncan Cummings** (Hellas), **Zoran Ilieski** (J.U.S.T.) and **Lou Sannipoli** (Juventus).

The SPA's choice as best referee of 1976, Chris Bambridge.

Happy Chris is ref of the year

The SPA referee of the year is Chris Bambridge, who is in his first State League season.

It is the first time the SPA has made the award.

Bambridge, 29, has won over fans and players alike with his unique refereeing style.

Where other referees are officious, Bambridge if friendly and jovial, without losing his authority.

He played soccer in Northampton, England, for six years and was persuaded to take up refereeing after having run the line for his club a few times.

Born in Kettering, Bambridge is now in his fifth year as a referee — three of them having been spent in England before coming to Australia.

He refereed in the Metropolitan League last year.

Bambridge thanked the SPA for having introduced an award for referees — the only such award in Victoria.

Now for the Rothmans

Jim Tansey of Slavia emerged as the favorite for the 1976 Victorian Rothmans Medal when he won the Bill Fleming Player of the Year award last week.

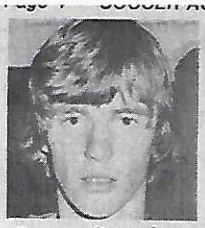
The Rothmans Medal, the major player's award in Victoria, will be presented at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday, October 8.

Votes are cast by referees on a 3-2-1 basis. They are kept sealed until the night of the voting, when numbers go up on the board.

David Baker of Hakoah scored a record vote in his runaway win last year but voting is expected to be much tighter this time.

If Tansey is a slight favorite, he is hard pushed in the betting by Dave Rigby (Mooroolbark), Steve Kokoska (Sunshine), Paul Murphy (George Cross), Tommy Cumming (Sunshine), Ken Wagstaff (George Cross), Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas), and Jimmy Mackay (Hellas).

The dark horses include David Baker, Pat Della Rocca (Juventus), Mike Pye (Hellas), Peter Laumets (Makedonia), Keith Adams (Ringwood), and Graham French (Mooroolbark).



Duncan Cummings

HELLAS TO BECOME THE BEST

South Melbourne Hellas took a giant stride towards winning the unofficial Australian championships when it drew 1-1 with St. George Budapest in Sydney last week.

Both teams are champions of their respective States.

The rules of the two-leg match between Hellas and St. George state that away goals count double, so in the return in Melbourne on Friday night, Hellas need only to draw 0-0 to take the title.

Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** said after last week's match:

"I had always thought that the top Sydney teams were 30 or 40 per cent better than Melbourne's best but the game showed that this is not so.

"They may have more ball players, but they deliver the ball too slowly.

"In the first half Hellas overran St George completely."

Best player on the ground was Hellas forward **Duncan Cummings**.

He scored the equalising goal late in the match, had other shots saved, and was unlucky to have a few unjustified offside decisions given against him.

Cummings broke through alone in the 41st. minute, yet the referee blew offside. It appeared that the ref then realised he had made a mistake, so he signalled half time — at least three minutes too early.

Saints were first to score.

Peter Ollerton, who was subdued for most of the match by **Paul Coton** and **John O'Shea**, wasted a scoring chance by kicking the ball straight into the arms of keeper **Martin Coe**.

In a flash, St. George counter-attacked, giving the Hellas midfield no time to recover.

The ball was relayed to substitute **Mendez** who slotted it into the net.

The equaliser came only four minutes from the end.

Cummings collected **Jimmy Mackay's** pass, beat three men and scored a spectacular goal.

Another of Hellas' stars was goalkeeper **John Kennedy** who made some uncanny saves during St. George's strongest periods.

Centre back **Steve Walker** also had a great game.

Attila Abonyi and **Doug Utjesenovic** shone for St. George.

Teams:

ST. GEORGE: Coe; Utjesenovic, Coton, O'Shea, Williams; Harris, Grosse, Echeverria; Abonyi, Morgan, O'Shea. Subs: Mendez, Jankovic.

HELLAS: Kennedy; Kalafatidis, Xanthopoulos, Walker, Hagegmanouil; Andrews, Mackay, Bourne; Cummings, Ollerton, Armstrong. No sub.

Crowd: 1,413.

Polonia winger Mike Borucinski (left) prepares to go past Hugh Gunn of Essendon Lions. Behind Gunn is George Train, and John Gardiner is at far right. Polonia's George Nierobisz is moving up to support Borucinski. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

SAINTS A CERT, THEN HAKOAH

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs go into the championship minor semifinal as hot favourites to topple Marconi-Fairfield at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

By BRIAN MOSSOP

Rothmans Cup champions Hakoah are traditionally a big match team, and are playing well enough to give even APIA and St George a shake for the title.

Saints and APIA clash in the major semifinal on Monday, the loser getting a second chance by meeting the winner of Sunday's game.

In fact I will stick my neck out and predict a Saints - Hakoah grand final with Saints certain to carry off the championship.

Hakoah, despite their traditional sticky patch early in the season, and an eminently forgettable loss to wooden spooners Manly near the end, are back in the winning groove.

And while they do not appear to have the combination to upset Saints, they are a professionally minded outfit nonetheless.

Even with Agenor Muniz on the sidelines Hakoah are a smooth-stroking side with dangerous wingers in Joe Watson and Hilton Silva and a creative midfield led by Bertie Lutton.

Marconi have tremendous experience and potential in the likes of Ray Richards, Ernie Campbell, Gary Byrne and Paul Degney.

And on their day the defensive duo of Ivo Prskalo and Les Hucker can be unbeatable.

But the side has been too inconsistent this winter to pose a real threat.

APIA, who started the season off with a bang, seem to be struggling to recapture form.

They surrendered their premiership crown to Saints, and the fact that they will not be playing in the new National League seems to have robbed them of, rather than added, incentive.

As the only non-NL team in the championship series, it would be a feather in their cap if they could go on to capture the last strong Sydney championship.

Any team with players such as Jimmy Rooney, Willie Wallace, Billy Rogers, Terry Butler, Ken Jenkins and company cannot be treated lightly.

But Saints have the firepower and the discipline to get on top, and one weapon few teams have at their disposal — Doug Utjesenovic.

The World Cup right-back is a tremendous asset with his accurately floated crosses, and can be a match - winner when all else fails.

WARREN AS A BOSS?

Former national team captain Johnny Warren has been offered the job of manager - coach of the Canberra National League club.

Warren was in Canberra this week talking to the club's officials.

The former star midfielder was manager - coach of St George Budapest last year.

Another applicant for the Canberra job is former national team goalkeeper Jim Fraser.

'BARKS HONOR VLADO

A testimonial match will be played on Saturday for Vlado Klepac who played 433 games for Mooroolbark during 15 seasons with the club.

The game, between Mooroolbark and an all - star eleven, will be played at Esther Park, Mooroolbark, at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Players invited to appear in the all - star team include **Gary Cole** (Alexander), **David Garthwaite** (Ringwood), **Alan Jackson** (Bayswater), **Roy Lawton** (Waverley) and **Chris Kent** (Ringwood).

Klepac, 37, joined Mooroolbark in 1966 and has been one of the stalwarts of the club.

He was presented with a trophy to mark his long service, at Mooroolbark's presentation night last week.

The curtain - raiser to the testimonial game will be between Mooroolbark's under 16 and under 15 teams, which both won their respective championships.

George Cross had a testimonial match early in the season for its long - serving goalkeeper **Lou Kastner**.

HAKOAH FAR TOO CLASSY

HAKOAH 3 (Smith, Barnes, Silva) SOUTH SYDNEY 1 (Mowbray own goal). Crowd: 5,350.

Hakoah came to life in the second half to defeat South Sydney 3-1 in the Rothmans Cup final at Wentworth park on Sunday.

They were never in real danger of defeat although it took them until the 46th minute to open the scoring with a classical goal from Terry Smith.

With the goal from Smith and another by national team striker Murray Barnes to their credit, Hakoah skipper Henry Mowbray smashed the ball into his own net after South's Maurice Sullivan and Steve Blackburn had failed to strike home earlier chances.

Souths stormed back strongly on the rain-affected pitch but failed to capture an equaliser after some extremely rugged skirmishes.

Finally it was the tiny Joe Watson who broke through and laid on a cross that was spooned on by the Souths defence to winger Hilton Silva, who struck the ball home for Hakoah's 3-1 victory.

On their display Hakoah must start favourites for the first semi-final of the championship at Sydney Sports Ground next Sunday.

Hakoah almost netted in the seventh minute when Smith touched the ball off the outside of the upright following a dazzling run by defender Steve O'Connor.

During the first half there was continual suspense at either end as both defences found difficulty in turning on the slippery surface.

As halftime drew close it was apparent that O'Connor, Alex Robertson and Kevin Mullen would provide a strong barrier to counter Souths' aspirations in the second half.

Within a minute of the resumption Barnes streaked up the right wing to turn the ball across Souths' goal and Smith timed his left foot volley to perfection for the opening goal.

The opportunity resulted from a poorly taken corner kick by Souths' Steve McDonald, followed by a quick Hakoah free kick, all of which forced Souths to pay dearly for their laxity.

In the 52nd minute John Stevenson's free kick split the defence, drawing Ian Stone away from Hakoah's Barnes and the big fellow made no mistake with his drive through the gap.

Much of Hakoah's best work was put in by former Irish international Bert Lutton in midfield aided strongly by wingers Watson and Silva, who stayed wide to draw out Souths' defence.

In a spirited period of the second half with Souths only 2-1 in arrears, referee Tim Davies penalised O'Connor of Hakoah and both Sullivan and Ian Stone of Souths for rough play.

Sullivan's tough tactics were symptomatic of Souths failings.

They played tight in defence and failed to use the ball with the type of movements that characterised their 2-1 semi-final win over Marconi last week.

The inevitable result came in the 85th minute when Silva ended the scoring.

ERN'S HEADER WINS CLASH

MARCONI 2 (Sharne, Campbell) WOLLONGONG 1 (Gaffney). Crowd: 5,330.

Former World Cup forward Ernie Campbell turned the Rothmans Cup play-off for third place in his team's favor with a glorious 66th minute header.

With Wollongong and Marconi locked 1-1 Ivo Prskaljo, the former Yugoslav first division defender, pushed his free kick through the penalty area and Campbell timed his scoring header to perfection.

Marconi's 2-1 win was a fine work-up for their clash with the outstanding Hakoah team at Sydney Sports Ground next Sunday in the first semi-final of the 1976 championship.

They failed to create the most opportunities in the first half but there was no doubt about their pre-eminence in the second.

They shaped up well in the early stages, supporting the man on the ball continuously, but had a big letoff in the sixth minute when Wollongong midfielder Larry Gaffney hit the post with Marconi's World Cup goalkeeper Allan Maher two metres off the ball.

Wollongong went close to scoring twice during the half through Bob Fryer, but Marconi snapped up the lead one minute prior to the interval.

Their strong young winger Peter Sharne slipped the ball between City goalkeeper Fabio Fabrianesi and the near post for the opening score.

Wollongong were lucky to escape a further goal against them immediately after the restart, when Marconi midfielder Ray Richards failed to settle quickly enough for a left foot drive. It was another letoff for the Wollongong defence.

Marconi were twice close to scoring, first when Albert Mariana tested Fabrianesi after Campbell and Peter Beggs had shared in the breakthrough and then when Sharne's drive skirted the bar.

Gaffney swung the game back in Wollongong's favour with a 56th minute goal, but a deal of the credit belonged to John Bingham whose cross from the corner flag eluded Paul Degney and Les Hucker in the Marconi defence.

Campbell sent a low cross close to goal and although his forwards failed to meet it, the ball demonstrated Marconi's potential to win the game.

Within a minute Campbell had headed into the net and at no stage did the South Coast side look like getting back into the game.

For the Wollongong coach Herb Williams it was his last appearance in a career that has seen him play for Swansea City and Wales before coming to Wollongong as senior coach two years ago.

TWO WAY WIN

SEOUL — South Korea's main national side and a young Brazil team are joint winners of President Park Chung Hee's Cup in the annual Korean soccer tournament.

The teams remained scoreless after half an hour of extra time.

In the semi-finals, New Zealand, playing without two injured strikers, went down to South Korea.

In the other semi-final, Brazil trounced South Korea's second national side 3-0.

Standings at the end of the elimination round:

GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brazil	3	1	0	9	1	7
S. Korea	2	2	0	16	5	6
Malaysia	2	1	1	12	7	5
Singapore	1	0	3	3	16	2
India	0	0	4	1	12	0

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Zealand	3	1	0	6	1	7
S. Korea	2	1	1	4	2	5
Burma	2	0	2	4	3	4
Thailand	0	2	2	3	7	2
Indonesia	0	2	2	1	5	2

Six a side

Frankston B won the Langwarrin six - a - side competition by beating Waverley A 2-1 in the final.

Mornington sprang the surprise of the series by beating Frankston A 2-1 in the semi - finals.

JIM JOINING A BIG CLUB?

Slavia star Jim O'Reilly, 23, said this week he was seeking a transfer to a National League club.

O'Reilly's team mate **Jim Tansey**, 22, has also announced he wants to join a club in the big league.

The talented O'Reilly made a big impact when he played for Victoria against the Italian Army recently.

He has been one of Victoria's top players since joining Slavia last year and he was last week picked in the Soccer Press Association all-star team of the year.

O'Reilly had two seasons with Hamilton Academicals in the Scottish Second Division as a centre back or midfielder.

Before that he had a short stint with Oldham in the English Second Divison.

He trialled with Morton and St Johnsone in Scotland before coming to Australia.

O'Reilly can be contacted at Flat 7, 25 Docker Street, Elwood, or through Slavia's secretary, Vince French on 63 0391 (business).

JUNIOR CUP

The Victorian Junior Cup finals will be held at Wembley Park, Box Hill, corner Middleborough and Canterbury Roads, at the weekend.

Saturday, October 2: Sunshine Hts v Sunshine City U/11 10 a.m.; Albion v Doncaster U/9 11.15 a.m.; Bayswater v Doncaster 'A' U/7, 12.15 p.m.; Coburg v Waverley U/13 1.30 p.m.; Sunshine Hts v Keilor U/15 3 p.m.

Sunday October 3: Juventus v Ringwood City U/10 10 a.m.; Nunawading v Melbourne U/12 11.15 a.m.; Melbourne v Bayswater U/8 12.15 p.m.; Juventus v Sunshine Hts U/14 1.30 p.m.; Polonia v Frankston Pines U/16 3 p.m.

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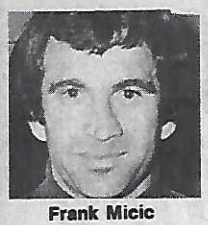
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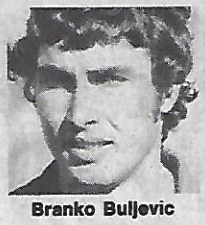
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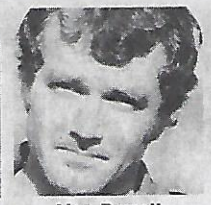
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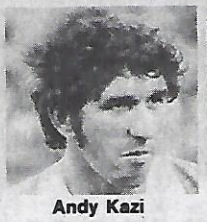
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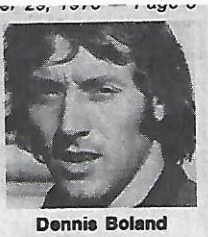

Dennis Boland

IT'S POLONIA'S BIG CHANCE

LAURIE SCHWAB on the Dockerty Cup

If Polonia beats J.U.S.T. in the final at Olympic Park on Sunday, it will achieve the greatest feat in the 67-year history of the competition.

Since the formation of the State League, we haven't had a Cup final in which the last-placed team has met one of the giants.

The final means a lot more to Polonia than it does to J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. is used to success, although it hasn't won the Cup since 1963, but Polonia has finished no higher than seventh in the league in the past eight years.

A chance like this is unlikely to come again in the near future, despite the fact that Polonia is intending to import a few Scottish players next year.

So everyone at Polonia is determined to grasp this chance with both hands and the players are psyched up to play the match of their lives.

Their biggest task will be to subdue J.U.S.T.'s twin strikers, **Branko Buljevic** and **Mendo Ristovski**, who are deadly in breakaways, although they didn't show much against Sunshine in the semi-finals.

If these two can be contained (**Palinkas** as well, if he plays) Polonia will have a chance.

Let's not forget that Polonia beat J.U.S.T. 1-0 in the ninth round of the league and drew 1-1 in the return.

Stan Klain will have the job of holding Buljevic, who operates mainly on the left, and it will be up to **Barney Klimecki** to stop Ristovski.

Both full backs have been playing well, so it's not beyond them.

How Polonia must wish they had **Eugene Lerch** back and that **Eddy Kupisz** were not injured.

These two would make Polonia a formidable combination.

Nevertheless, **George Nierobisz** and **Andy Czapnik** have been playing extremely well in midfield and they should hold their own against **Micic, Ilioski** and **Picioane**.

In fact, Nierobisz was one of the best players on the ground in Polonia's 1-1 draw with J.U.S.T.

He and Czapnik have the ability to come from behind and score goals — and they'll have to do so to support their front runners who will have a hell of a time against J.U.S.T.'s mighty defence.

It's fitting to give a little praise to the Polonia forwards. This attack has long been ridiculed for its lack of bite, but it has improved radically in recent weeks.

Hugh Humphries, Polonia's top scorer, and **Joe Herman**, cannot be taken lightly anymore and young **Michael Borucinski** is improving week by week.

Herman will have an important role to play in challenging for high balls with that master of the air, **Jim Kondarios**.

Each team has one injury problem.

J.U.S.T. left back **Andy Kazi** limped off the ground in the game against Sunshine, and Polonia midfielder **Rick Lipiarski** has a broken nose.

If Lipiarski is unable to play, **John Dykun** may take his place in midfield.

Kazi's logical replacement would be **Joe Palinkas**, sending **Jim Kriaris** to left back.

However, I'm tipping that Kazi will play and that Palinkas will come in for **Jimmy Milisavljevic**.

A David v Goliath battle like this can't help but stir the imagination, so let's hope the supporters of the State League teams not represented in the final turn up to watch.

Likely team for the final:

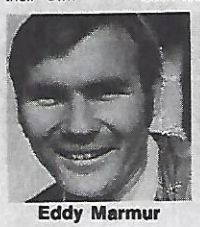
J.U.S.T.: (4-3-3) — 1. Dennis Boland; 2. Alan Parrott, 5. Jim Kondarios, 4. Jim Kriaris, 3. Andy Kazi; 6. Zoran Ilioski, 8. Frank Micic, 9. Joe Picioane; 7. Joe Palinkas, 11. Mendo Ristovski, 10. Branko Buljevic.

POLONIA: (4-3-3) — 1. Angelo Melitis; 2. Stan Klain, 3. Marian Jaworski, 4. Eddy Marmur, 5. Barney Klimecki; 6. Andy Czapnik, 7. George Nierobisz, 9. John Dykun; 8. Mike Borucinski, 10. Joe Herman, 11. Hugh Humphries.

Andy Czapnik

Stan Klain

George Nierobisz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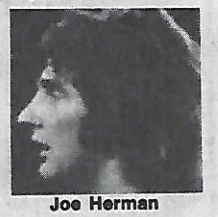
Joe Herman

Lions stumped by strong defence

POLONIA 1 (Herman 53rd), ESSENDON LIONS 0.

Teams, with player ratings out of 10:

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 6; S. Klain 6, Jaworski 7, Marmur 6, Klimecki 7; Czapnik 6, Nierobisz 7, Lipiarski 5 (Esposito 5 half-time); Brucinski 6 (Dykun 80th), Herman 6, Humphries 6.

ESSENDON LIONS: Petrovski 6; Bilaver 6, Kulyk 6, Gunn 6, Train 7; Murphy 5 (Krncevic 80th), Gardiner 5, Grujicic 6; Culina 6, Kuzmanov 5, Wallace 5 (Krajina 58th).

Essendon Lions had beaten a confident Mooroolbark in the quarter-finals, so they thought Polonia would be easy pickings.

Polonia had noted Lions' victory with respect and wasn't going to be flippant about this game. What it all added up to was this:

No Metropolitan League side, no matter how skilful, has the experience of battle to break down a well-drilled State League defence.

OK, Lions did it once against Mooroolbark, but they wouldn't be able to do it too often.

Even with the multitude of chances they had on Sunday, they weren't able to do it to Polonia, despite the fact that Polonia was playing with its reserve goalkeeper **Larry Ostrowsky** because **Angelo Melitis** did not turn up in time.

Marian Jaworski, the slightest and lightest of the Polonia defenders, had the strongest game.

Left back **Barney Klimecki** was exceptional in the second half, **Stan Klain** on the right was unwavering and man mountain **Eddy Marmur** was a brick wall as usual.

And on the few occasions that he had to perform, **Ostrowsky** did so very well indeed.

Lions had more of the play, but did not know what to do with it.

Nick Kuzmanov fell in love with the ball in attack and **Ivica Grujicic** fell into the same trap in the second half, although he had been brilliant before the interval.

John Gardiner was never in the game and new players Ken Murphy and Craig Wallace did nothing to enthuse.

Lions' defence, compared with Polonia's, was suspect.

A better attack than Polonia's would have punished it severely.

As it was, however, **Joe Herman** rarely got the front position in heading duels until the second half, and wingers **Mike Borucinski** and **Hugh Humphries** were not penetrating enough.

They did some fancy footwork which caught the eye, but it was usually too far from goal.

Polonia captain **Andy Czapnik** was great in midfield during the first half and had he remained as prominent, Polonia may have got the chances to add to its score.

Ricky Lipiarski played with a broken nose — the legacy of a knock during the quarter-final against Box Hill — and had to be replaced by **Ralph Esposito** at half-time.

Polonia's first dangerous move came in the 20th minute when **Humphries** raced onto a fine through ball from **Marmur** but was sandwiched at the vital moment by **Ante Bilaver** and **Dime Petrovski**.

Polonia was having the better of play during the first half hour due largely to the efforts of **Stan Klain, George Nierobisz, Czapnik** and **Marmur**.

Then **Nick Kuzmanov** beat three men in the penalty area and cut inside from the left, but **Marmur** came to the rescue with a good tackle.

Lions were being slaughtered in midfield by **Czapnik** and **Nierobisz. Gardiner** could do little about it, but **Grujicic** gathered himself together to pull Lions out of their slump.

He sent a perfect ball to **Wallace** who had only **Ostrowsky** to beat, but his shot hit the side netting.

Grujicic was starring now, but that didn't worry Polonia as **Borucinski** sped down the wing and sent a ball square across the goal area. It beat goalkeeper **Petrovski** but with no Polonia forwards in sight, it was cleared by Lions defenders.

In the 32nd minute **Jaworski** hooked the ball clear in front of **Kuzmanov** after yet another great ball from **Grujicic** and seconds later **Wallace** flashed a header just over the bar.

Bilaver moved upfield from fullback, catching a rebound from the defence to hammer a great shot at goal.

But **Ostrowsky** showed cat-like agility in getting to the ball and deflecting it across goal. **Kuzmanov** followed up but shot over the bar.

Seconds after half time **Nierobisz** send **Borucinski** through but his shot was smothered inside the penalty area.

Then came the goal.

Joe Herman raced through the middle, weaved through the defence and hit the ball on the bounce, sending it whistling into the back of the net.

Lions hit back in a flash. **Grujicic** sent a cross to the far post, where **Wallace** headed wide from a perfect scoring position.

Then Culina headed against the post from Murphy's cross.

Eight minutes from the end **Hugh Humphries** beat **Wally Kulyk** beautifully by pushing the ball behind him and running on, but his shot missed.

An early goal, and J.U.S.T. hangs on

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Buljevic 1st min), SUNSHINE 0.

Teams, with player ratings out of 10:

J.U.S.T.: Boland 7; Parrott 6, Kondarios 7, Milisavljevic 6, Kazi 6 (injured, sub Rujevic 75th); Ilioski 7, Picioane 5, Micic 6, Kriaris 5; Ristovski 5 (Palinkas 5, 55th), Buljevic 5.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 6; Dixey 6, Kokoska 6, Mussel 8, Howe 6; McCarthy 7, Petrov 5; Laing 5 (Lewis 5, 58th), Cumming 7, Piotrowski 6 (Coyle 80th), McRobert 7.

It was enough to make you cry. Sunshine attacked for 80 minutes but all was in vain.

J.U.S.T. president **Tony Kovac** showed real sportsmanship when he said afterwards: "I feel sorry for Sunshine."

Coach **Cedo Cirkovic** said: "It's good that we can win when we play badly. Let's hope we play well next week."

For most of the game, it was left to goalkeeper **Dennis Boland** and centre back **Jim Kondarios** to preserve the lead **Branko Buljevic** gave J.U.S.T. after only 45 seconds of play.

The goal was a gem.

Almost from the kick-off, **Mendo Ristovski** went down the right and crossed to the far post where **Buljevic** rose high above the defenders to head into the net.

Sunshine has always played better when trailing.

So it was at Olympic Park.

With **Frank Mussel** playing superbly in defence, Sunshine streamed forward and stayed there, shooting time and time again but being foiled repeatedly by **Kondarios, Boland** and the other J.U.S.T. backs.

Credit must be given to J.U.S.T. for preserving the lead it had gained.

Cirkovic was disappointed that no one came into the dressing room afterwards to congratulate the team on having reached the final.

"It seems that we're expected to win and play well all the time," he said. "Everyone forgot that we had achieved our aim — to reach the final, and that the players had given a lot of effort to do it."

Tommy Cumming was great again. He operated in the middle early, the on the right wing and it took two and three opponents at a time to subdue him.

Jim McRobert had one of his finest games of the year, breaking from midfield and down the wing and causing havoc to the J.U.S.T. rearguard.

Ian McCarthy tackled fiercely in midfield and initiated attack after attack.

Buljevic and **Ristovski**, who had combined so well for the goal, were inactive for the rest of the game and **Joe Palinkas** did no better when he replaced Ristovski.

Joe Picioane had a poor game in midfield, as did **Jim Kriaris**.

Frank Micic was great in the first half but faded badly.

The only player apart from Boland and Kondarios to catch the eye was young **Zoran Ilioski** in midfield. He was busy and productive and he showed the flair that had evaded most of his team mates.

Seconds after that early goal by **Buljevic, Frank Micic** almost made it 2-0, with a back-header that caught goalkeeper **John Scholten** stranded out of position.

Scholten had an easy ride. He had perhaps two or three shots to save for the whole game and enjoyed the warm spring sun the rest of the time.

Sunshine coach **Bobby McLachlan** put the emphasis on attack to stretch J.U.S.T.'s strong rearguard. **Cumming** and **Kaz Piotrowski** opened in the middle, with **Willi Laing** and **McRobert** breaking down the wings.

McCarthy hung back to cover the defence.

After 15 minutes, Micic slipped a neat pass to Buljevic who skirted the defence and shot left-footed through a gap. The ball missed narrowly.

Five minutes later Buljevic ran onto a through ball from **Jim Kriaris** but **Scholten** dived courageously at Buljevic's feet in the penalty area.

Then Sunshine applied the pressure. **Laing** and **McCarthy** were playing fast balls into the penalty area, forcing the defenders to back-pedal and **Boland** to fly high and make some spectacular saves.

Five minutes after half time **Tommy Cumming** latched onto a bad pass by a J.U.S.T. defender and shot from 15 metres but once again it was **Boland** who saved the day.

Cumming struck again, zooming along the goal line and sending an acutely angled shot into the goal area, where it went through Boland's legs, forcing Jimmy Milisavljevic to clear off the line in desperation.

Nothing like having two goalkeepers in the one team!

McLachlan made a last-ditch attempt to salvage the game when he brought on full back **Peter Lewis** as a midfielder and replaced big striker **Kaz Piotrowski** with **Kieron Coyle**.

Chris Petrov stormed towards goal after **McRobert** had created an opening. **Alan Parrott**, in hot pursuit, foiled **Petrov** by belting the ball centimetres over his own goal.

In the 82nd minute **Parrott** made an unwise backpass in the direction of **Boland. Cumming** got to theball first but **Boland** stopped him with another courageous challenge.

With two minutes to go, **Kokoska** gave an unwise short pass to **Mussel** in Sunshine's defence. **Mussel**, under pressure, was robbed by **Picioane**.

It rolled promisingly towards the net, but hit the bottom of the post and bounced out. Picioane tried to follow up but Scholten covered well and stopped him.

Hakoah's record

Hakoah has won the most Dockerty Cups.

It won seven of its own and was also victorious in 1945 when it linked up with Moreland in a combined team.

Here is the list of how many cups each club has won:

7½ wins: Hakoah in 1935, '53, '54, '55, '56, '66, '73 and as Moreland - Hakoah in '45.

5 wins: Footscray Thistle in 1919, '27, '29, '30, '32. Brighton in 1933, '37, '43, '44, '52.

4 wins: Juventus in 1960, '70, '71, '72.

3½ wins: Moreland in 1941, '50 and '57 and as Moreland - Hakoah in '45.

3 wins: Melbourne Thistle in 1914, '15, '25. Navy in 1924, '26, '28. Nobels (later ICI) in 1938, '39, '40. Slavia in 1964, '65, '67.

2 wins: Carlton United in 1909 and 1910. St Kilda in 1911, '23. Royal Caledonians in 1934, '36. Prahran in 1942, '46. Park Rangers in 1948, '49. J.U.S.T. in 1951, '63. George Cross in 1959, '62. Croatia in 1968, '69. Hellas in 1974, '75.

One win: Williamstown, 1912. Yarraville 1913. Northumberland & Durham, 1921. Albert Park, 1922. Wonthaggi Magpies, 1931. South Yarra, 1947. Wilhelmina, 1958.

RESULTS

J.U.S.T.'s and Polonia's Cup results on the way to the final:

J.U.S.T. v. Broadmeadows 5-1, scorers: Palinkas 2, Zoraja, Buljevic, Ristovski.

v. Hakoah 2-0, scorers: Ristovski, Palinkas.

v. Croydon 4-1, scorers: Picioane, Ristovski, Buljevic, Kriaris.

v. Sunshine 1-0, scorer: Buljevic.

POLONIA v. Keilor Austria 2-0, scorers: Esposito, Kupisz.

v. Juventus 1-0, scorer: Jaworski.

v. Box Hill 4-0, scorers: Nierobisz, Herman, Lipiarski, Humphries.

v. Essendon Lions 1-0, scorer: Herman.

THE SCORERS

State League scorers in the Dockerty Cup so far:

4. Armstrong (Hellas, Ollerton (Hellas).

3. Palinkas (JUST), Buljevic (JUST), Ristovski (JUST), McRobert (Sun).

2. Gillan (Alex), Roberts (Hak), C. Lucchesi (Juv), Herman (Pol), Cumming (Sun).

1. Zoraja (JUST), McIntyre (Mack), Esposito (Pol), Kupisz (Pol), Holding (Ring), Thomson (Alex), Gibson (Alex), Nicolaides (Alex), Bourne (Hellas), Blair (Hak), Dosen (Hak), Donato (Hak), O'Reilly (Slavia), Kokoska (Sun), McCarthy (Sun), Laing (Sun), J. Lucchesi (Juv), Kokkinos (Juv), French (M'bark), Clarey (M'bark), Nierobisz (Pol), Lipiarski (Pol), Humphries (Pol), Picioane (JUST), Kriaris (JUST), Cole (Alex), Jaworski (Pol), Moore (Slavia), Ontong (M'bark), Pongho (M'bark).

Hellas, 'Cross reach final

South Melbourne Hellas and George Cross will contest the final of the Harry Armstrong Cup for reserves. The game will be played as the curtain-raiser to the Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Hellas won its semi-final against Ringwood City 1-0, and George Cross advanced to the final by beating Albion Rovers 3-0.

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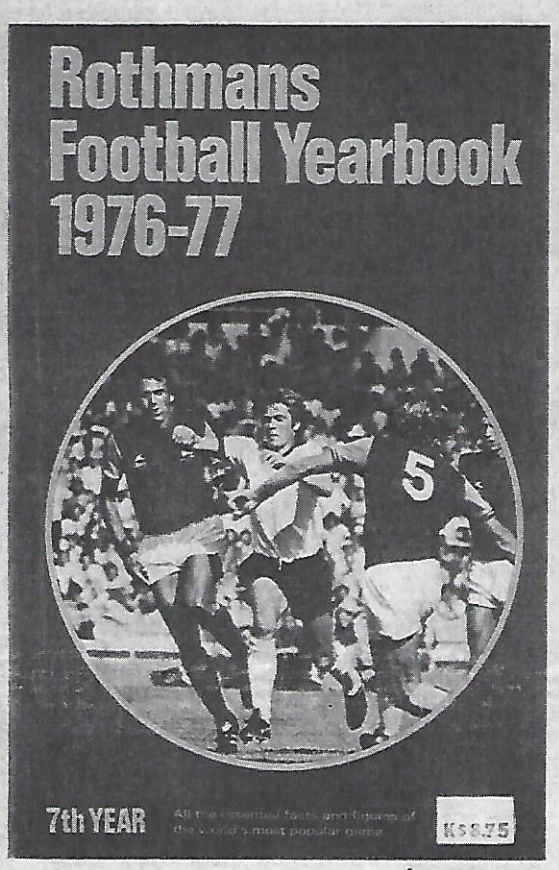

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Disappointed club seeks seven players

JIM ROONEY MAY JOIN ALEXANDER

International Jimmy Rooney of APIA-Leichhardt is likely to be one of about seven players who will be recruited by Fitzroy Alexander.

Two other APIA stars, **Billy Rogers** and **Col Bennett** are being sought by South Melbourne Hellas.

Jim Rooney

Alexander officials and supporters are bitterly disappointed with the way their players performed this season.

Having failed to qualify for the State League Cup, the players threw away their last chance for a prize when they lost 0-3 to Sunshine in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals.

Alexander president **Jim Mangopoulos** said this week: "All season, we tried to find excuses for the players' failure.

"The committee was blamed, the coach was blamed, but the players weren't.

"I believe the players must shoulder most of the responsibility. They simply didn't try hard enough."

So Alexander will now try to find players who will do a better job in the National League next year.

Clearly, the present team would fare badly against top interstate competition.

Mr. Mangopoulos said he was aiming to recruit 200 members who would pay $250 each, giving the club $50,000 to buy players.

"The members can say one of two things. They can say we did badly and to hell with us, or they can be more constructive in helping us do a lot better next season.

"We've got a gathering of members and supporters at Hellenic House in Fitzroy at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, and we will be asking for their help."

Mr. Mangopoulos said he had spoken to APIA about buying Rooney and that he was fairly confident the deal would go through.

He said he should have a list of recruits finalised before the club's annual meeting on October 31.

Alexander will meet Fitzroy Council on October 7 to discuss a lease of the Fitzroy Cricket Ground.

The council has offered a three-year lease but Alexander wants a longer one.

Alexander President Jim Mangopoulos.

Players free in South Africa

National League clubs seeking class players for next season should look no further than South Africa, where players are available free of charge.

Because South Africa has been expelled from FIFA over that country's apartheid policy, anyone is free to pick up players without getting official transfers or paying transfer fees.

South Africa was for many years suspended by FIFA. Final expulsion becomes effective from October 16.

FIFA secretary **Rene Courte** has this to say about the South African situation.

"All the while the Football Association of South Africa remained a suspended member of FIUFA, it was bound by the FIFA Statutes and Regulations. Indeed, throughout its suspension it adhered to them strictly.

"With the expulsion, this will change and it will also affect the transfer of players at international level, where they will no longer be bound by the conditions of the international FIFA transfer certificate.

"In other words, FIFA member Associations can accept players who formerly played in South African clubs without the need for an international FIFA transfer certificate; and conversely, if a player from a FIFA affiliated Association goes to a South African club without the permission of his former club, in future neither his former National Association nor FIFA can take any action.

"Such transfers then in the future will be purely a matter for the players concerned and only involve their clubs.

"To keep some order in the matter of the transfer of players, FIFA advises the players and their clubs to conclude private contracts. However, it must be made clear that should any disputes arise, FIFA has absolutely no means of intervening to settle matters or of taking any binding decision.

"Nevertheless players who go to South Africa without the agreement of their clubs and/or National Association and who later return to the area of FIFA organised and controlled football, must expect to face FIFA disciplinary measures, through their National Associations, if application is made by the club which they left without permission.

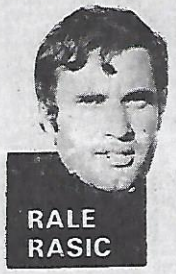
"Coaches, who are not controlled by FIFA, are naturally free to work where they please and may practise either within FIFA National Associations or within non-member Associations.

"Associations affiliated to FIFA cannot have any sporting relations with the Football Association of South Africa and its clubs.

"Matches between clubs or National Associations in South Africa or outside South Africa against South African clubs or the Football Association of South Africa are forbidden."

1976: A YEAR TO FORGET

The war that has raged between the Australian and NSW Soccer Federations this year has made 1976 a year to forget.



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Headlines about infighting, open warfare and accusations have almost outnumbered headlines about the game on the field.

And the war is still raging, although not as openly as before.

The current battle is over whether Sydney's National League clubs will be allowed to field their second and third grade teams in State competitions.

Until now, the NSW Federation has strongly opposed this.

In a way, you can't blame them. They probably see this as a way of paying the ASF back.

Let's recall some of the clashes of 1976.

First there was the appointment over **Brian Green** as national coach. NSW opposed the way in which the selection was made.

It led to talk that certain ASF officials would not work with two NSW executives.

Then NSW refused to continue paying Green as the NSW State Director of Coaching.

The players reacted by buying into the argument and backing Green. They also had their own accusations against NSW over the situation.

Then there was the appointment of a new coach to replace Green after Green had slipped secretly out of Australia.

Everything had been worked out so that **Alan Vest** of Western Australia would get the job. When that didn't work out, NSW delegates were accused of virtual sabotage, because they hadn't gone along with the plan.

So Vest also left Australia to return to England.

The National League issue created more clashes.

First accusations were levelled against the clubs which started the move towards the National League.

Then NSW came under fire because the National League was postponed for 12 months.

And we have the situation where the new NSW director of coach, **Joe Vlasits** — and excellent choice — is, I understand, not recognised by the national director of coaching.

I've long wondered to what extent the national director is involved in helping federations to set policy on coaching.

Now NSW is being blasted by Northern NSW over the plan to admit Newcastle clubs to the new State League competition.

Northern NSW seems to feel that NSW is trying to sabotage the Newcastle set-up.

Who suffers from all this? The code as a whole.

NSW and the ASF should learn a lesson from Victoria, which settles its problems quietly, peacefully.

Let's hope that 1977 is a quiet one. If the National League is tortured by administrative warfare, it will lose credibility very quickly.

I advise officials to get their differences sorted out now, behind closed doors and in private, so that we have smooth sailing next year.

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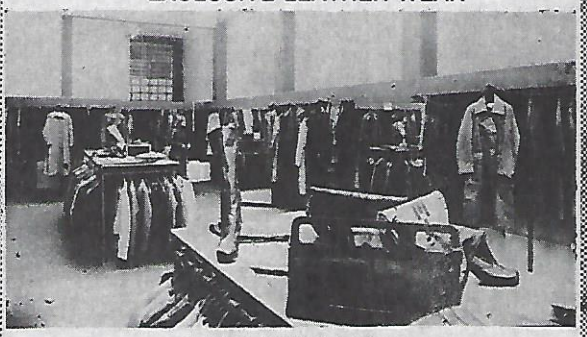

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WAGSTAFF MAY MOVE, REILLY TO PLAY AGAIN

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ken Wagstaff, the man behind George Cross' dramatic climb from last place into the final four, may join a national league club soon.

And Alexander's Jack Reilly will quit coaching to play again as a goalkeeper in the National League.

The future of Slavia's Ken Kontra is also uncertain. He is believed also to be interested in joining a National League club.

What's more, Sunshine coach **Bobby McLachlan** who almost succeeded in getting his team into the top four, may also be looking for a new club.

It all means that the yearly coaching merry-go-round has started.

Wagstaff dispelled rumors that he would return to England when he said last week he wants to make a future for himself as a coach in Australia.

He said he was interested in listening to offers from National League clubs.

One or two are believed to have already approached him.

Wagstaff will return to England within the next few days for personal reasons but he'll be back in Melbourne to lead George Cross in the State League Cup series which starts on October 10.

"And George Cross will win that Cup," he predicted.

Wagstaff's sincerity about wanting to coach in Australia cannot be questioned as he recently turned down the manager's job at English Third Division club Mansfield Town.

The job was offered to him by Mansfield when he went home for a few weeks earlier in the season.

Wagstaff, one of England's all-time greatest goalscorers, left Hull City to take over George Cross at the start of the year.

When he got here, the Cross was languishing at the foot of the table.

With the help of new players **Robert Cullen, Paul Murphy, Derek Barron** and **Peter Ebini,** Wagstaff performed a near miracle by turning the Cross into one of the most feared teams in the league.

Jack Reilly, Australia's goalkeeper in the 1974 World Cup finals, told the Alexander committee at least five weeks ago that he would not coach after this season.

Reilly wants to play again, and he wants to play National League.

It is believed that two Melbourne clubs have already approached him.

Reilly took over as Alexander coach at the start of the season.

He had previously played for Hakoah and Juventus in Melbourne and for St George in Sydney.

Apart from having represented Australia, he has also played for Victoria and NSW.

Ken Kontra, coach of Slavia, may also be National-League bound.

It is believed that he is tired of operating under the difficult conditions at Slavia, whose team is constantly in a state of flux.

Since last season, Kontra has lost many key players, including **Steve McCombe, David Hughes, Bill Borland, Bill Whiteside, George Train, Steve Moore, John Howie, Frank Campbell** and **Mike O'Hara.**

In the circumstances, he has done remarkably well with his ever-changing team.

Kontra is a former Victorian Director of Coaching and a former coach of the State team.

His previous clubs include Melbourne, Ringwood-Wilhelmina and St Albans.

Bobby McLachlan, former player with many clubs including George Cross, APIA, Croatia and Box Hill, and former coach of Makedonia and Albion Rovers, is unlikely to front up again at Sunshine next season.

Sunshine is said to be interested in signing former Hakoah goalkeeper Sandy Henderson, now coaching St Albans, if McLachlan switches clubs.

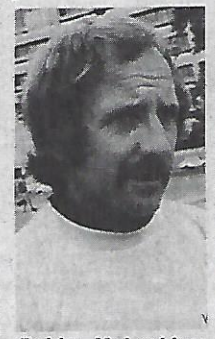
McLachlan's name has been linked recently with Hellas. It has been suggested he may go there as assistant to **Manny Poulakakis,** one of the coaches who's sure to stay put.

Both Hellas and Alexander have been trying to lure **Rale Rasic** to Melbourne but his price tag may be too high.

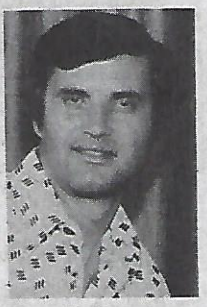
What's more, his present club, Marconi, has offered him a new contract.

JUST's Cedo Cirkovic, 1976 Coach of the Year, announed last week he was definitely staying with his club, ending speculation that he may move to Alexander.

Ken Wagstaff — National-bound?

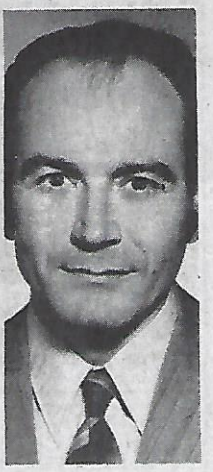


Bobby McLachlan — leaving Sunshine?



Rale Rasic — Alexander is interested.

Jack Reilly — quit coaching to return to goalkeeping.



Slavia's Ken Kontra — looking around?

Discussing their future? Ken Wagstaff and Bobby McLachlan (standing) were photographed at the Bill Fleming Medal presentation night.

Seven-year-old Stubby is congratulated by a team mate after scoring a goal for the Swedish national team.

Kids-win free tickets to see Stubby!

Kids! Here's your chance to get free tickets to the soccer movie of the year.

"Soccer Action" in association with Sharmill Films gives you the opportunity to see the incredible **"Stubby"** which will run at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda, from October 21 to November 6.

All you have to do to win a free ticket is answer this simple question:

Which country won the 1958 World Cup in Sweden and which other country did it beat in the final?

Write down your answer and your name and address and send it to "Stubby Competition", Soccer Action, 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne.

You'll love **"Stubby".**

It's about a seven-year-old kid called Stubby, who plays such phenomenal soccer that he is included in the Swedish national team and becomes an international star.

Here's how the story goes:

On his way to visit his fiancee, Mack, a member of the Swedish national team, passes a little soccer field, wher he is outplayed by a 7-year-old kid.

Mack is shocked by this; he loses his self-confidence, becomes unfit to play for his team, and eventually blurts out to his team manager what has happened.

The manager gets a brilliant idea — and here, the story begins.

He seeks out the 7-year-old who broke Mack.

It is Johan Bergman, nicknamed Stubby, and Stubby joins the team in Mack's place.

He becomes anchor man on the Swedish team and produces victories against Hungary, Austria, France, and finally against the USSR as well — at Dynamo Stadium in Moscow.

Stubby clinches the games to the jubilation of the spectators — a jubilation that pours out to the movie audience, too, via 4-channel stereo.

During the evenings in the team's hotel rooms, the big boys on the team have to take turns reading aloud to Stubby from the eternal story of the three bears to get him to fall asleep.

But only the readers fall asleep: Stubby remains awake playing solitaire.

But at home, Stubby falls asleep during his classes at school. He can't keep up, fails to learn to read, and has to ask grown-ups to read him the headlines about his own soccer exploits.

He can't even sign his name when eager autograph hunters surround him.

Then he falls victim to the advertising people, and a soft drink, "Stubby-Ade", glowers back at him from advertising posters. Stubby thinks "Stubby-Ade" is sickening.

Stubby withdraws from soccer. As quietly as he came, just as quietly does he withdraw to become an ordinary boy again. And Mack gets his old position and self-confidence back.

The film is written and directed by Bo Widerbuerg, the man who made the great Swedish film **"Elvira Madigan".**

GREEN GULLY AJAX, FIRST DIVISION CHAMPI

A PRESENT ON 21st. BIRTHDAY

Green Gully Ajax is 21 years old this year, so it is a fitting "present" to be promoted to State League.

Harry Moakes, founder of Ajax.

Mr Harry Moakes, a Maltese migrant, founded Ajax in 1955.

The club started fielding junior teams with the now defunct Victorian Amateur Football Association till 1962.

In season '62, Ajax competed in their first year of senior soccer.

In 1964 the team was promoted to 4th division Metropolitan League and the long, hard climb up the ladders to State League started.

Special mention must be given to **Joe Sammut** and **Frank Kolbl** who, along with **Harry Moakes**, steered the club in its early years.

These three people are now life members of the club.

Joe Sammut, eight years president of Ajax.

Frank Kolbl, former player, coach and official and first life member of Ajax.

A club of all nations

In our Australian cosmopolitan society the Green Gully Club stands out as a true example of harmony and friendship between nations. Listed on its membership book we find people from England, Scotland, Ireland, Malta, Holland, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Australia, Austria, Germany, Italy, Ceylon.

MICK BORG, goalkeeper, 26 years old, came from Malta in 1956. Started playing with Deer Park ICI, then on to Albion Rovers where he was best and fairest in 1970. Transferred to Ajax in 1971 and has been regular goalkeeper since.

PETER BANAGAN, 22, right back, London born, arrived in 1961 and played junior and senior soccer with Sunshine City. Transferred to Ajax this year.

DAVID COLE, 26, left back, came from England in 1963 when he joined George Cross. Transferred to Moreland and this year to Green Gully. David, although a midfielder, cemented the left back position, and won this year's "Player of the year" award.

MARIO BORG, 30, centre back. From B'Kara FC Malta, in 1965, came Ajax's longest-serving senior player. He has been with the club for 7 years. Represented Malta Youths and most consistent player award winner 1973 and 1975. Played with George Cross before transferring to Ajax.

FRANS BERENS, 29, libero. Dutch-born, came here as a youngster and is the only original Ajax player. Frans came through the junior ranks under the coaching of club founder Harry Moakes. Transferred to Albion Rovers in 1966 and came back to Ajax in 1971 after Ajax's promotion to 1st Division. Three times best player, '73, '74 '75.

TERRY BANAGAN, 21, midfielder, came from London in '62 and is the youngest of the Banagan brothers, and also youngest member of the squad. Played junior and senior soccer with Sunshine City before transferring to Ajax this year.

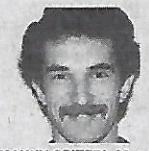
ANDY SEGI, 22, right wing, product of the Ajax juniors. At 16 he played his first senior game, in 1970. He transferred to Melbourne SC in '72 and played State League for a couple of years. Returned to Ajax in '74. Victoria under 16 state rep under the then coach, Rale Rasic who nominated Andy as the best prospect of 1970.

MICK BANAGAN, 28, midfield, born in London. He represented Romford Boys, Essex. Arrived in '61 and played over 200 games with Sunshine City. Twice won most consistent trophy at Sunshine. Transferred to Ajax in mid '75. Top scorer at Ajax and in 1st division this year.

EDDY KILMCZAK, 29, striker, came from Poland in 1950. Widely travelled player, having played for Ardeer, Polonia, Western Suburbs, Keilor City, Sunshine City and finally Ajax in '76.

JOHN GRADY, 24, left wing, Australian-born. Started his soccer career with Keilor City juniors and moved through the ranks into the senior team. Victorian under 12 and under 14 representative. Transferred to Ajax this year.

JOE THOMPSON, 27, full back and midfield. Arrived from Ireland in '75. Joined George Cross and transferred to Ajax midway through this season.

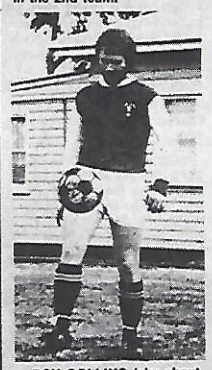


MANNY SPITERI, 22, midfielder, from B'Kara, Malta. Represented Malta Technical Schools. Arrived in 1970 and played junior and senior with Sunshine City. Represented Victoria under 16. Transferred to Ajax in 1972.

JOE MUSCAT, 25, fullback, came to Australia from Malta as a boy and took up junior soccer with Keilor City. Transferred to Ajax in 1970. Member of 1971 second division premiership team. This year charged with looking after the young boys in the 2nd team.

MICK BRAZIL, 24, utility, came from Scotland in '74 and played for Slavia and Hakoah. Went to Hong Kong for a year and to Ajax this year. Broke his arm early in the season and was off for eight weeks.

JOHN AGIUS, 18, goalkeeper, Australian born. Junior soccer, Sunshine Heights, came to Ajax '76.



ROY COLLINS (shy about age), midfielder, comes from Kent where he represented Middlesex schoolboys, Middlesex seniors and London F.A. Played senior soccer for Southall in the Isthmian League. Arrived in 1974 and was player/coach of Sunbury United. Came to Ajax this year.

PETER MARSHALL, 25, centre back, Australian. Played for Footscray JUST, then Keilor City for 4 years, transferred to Ajax this year but early season injuries kept him out of the regular first team squad.

MALCOLM BRADSHAW, 30, centre back, born in Derby, England. Played for P.E. City in South Africa for four years and represented the Eastern province 15 times. Came to Australia in '72, played for Albion Rovers and transferred to Ajax in '73.

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Green Gully Ajax the champions of 1976 — it's a dream headline, something you wish to happen to your club and your team. But dreams don't just happen, they are the aim of the determined officials who give their all, not just for their club but for the sport they love.

Many people associate Ajax mainly with the Maltese community because of the many Maltese people connected with the club.

However, Ajax is a club belonging to the sport community of all St Albans in the municipality of the City of Keilor.

There are 16 different nationalities at Ajax working together with one purpose — to improve and bring success to the club.

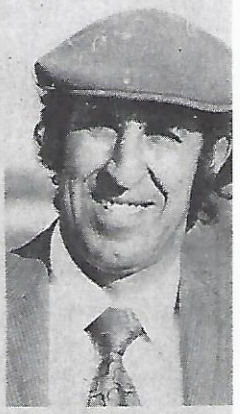
The aim next year is to bring the whole of this huge soccer minded community of St Albans to support the first State League team in the district.

There is no reason why Ajax should not be supported. After all, Ajax was born in St Albans and is 21 years old this year — a beautiful birthday present.

To quote a recent Press report: "The hard work, team spirit, heartbreak, and now finally triumph behind the history of the club, would make a television feature."

At the beginning of the year Ajax tried to induce prominent soccer writers to say that this was the year of the Gully. Some scoffed and laughed and some changed the subject.

Others did not. Their first



The leaders of Ajax, pre Guy Spiteri.

Four junior te win champion

Green Gully should have a successful future if their junior setup is any indication.

Under the direction of the junior administrative committee the under 8s, 10s, 12s and 13s finished the season top of their respective leagues.

The under 9s were second the 11s and 14s middle of the ladder.

The reserve team, made up of 16, 17 and 18-year-olds, although finishing bottom of the ladder, gained a goldmine of experience.

In the second half of the League they won 4 games and drew 5 to finish with 13 points.

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Green Gully's goalscor year were: 18 M. Banaga Klimczak; 3 Grady, McCu plus two own goals.

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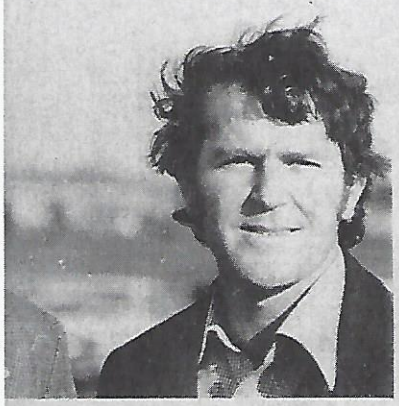

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was that the club had tried to induce **Ian Petherick** to take the job on.

But it was **Mike de Bruyckere** who got the job and he was confronted by a squad of 31 players.

He had headaches in selecting the best and reducing this squad, for as soon as he eliminated someone, he would get someone else coming along trying to make the team.

However, the club's recruiting and the coach's judgement could not have been far wrong.

Up to the time of his departure Ajax had played some 21 games and lost only one — the Cumberland Cup final to Box Hill.

The sudden departure of Mike de Bruyckere was not expected. However, what was at first thought to be a crucial blow turned out to be the direct opposite.

The person Ajax had wanted in the first instance, Ian Petherick, came to the rescue and everyone in the club is delighted.

Jan's vigorous and demanding approach, his planning for the games and study of the opposition won Ajax all those crucial games.

Ian's contribution to Ajax and to the players was immeasureable.

Ajax is a club that grows on you. Players rarely leave.

It got one Banagan, all of a sudden it had three, now all the family.

Despite the success Ajax still hopes to retain the image of a family club.

Green Gully shall achieve bigger things. The junior set-up, capably administered by the junior administration committee, has pleased and impressed everyone.

Teams have won four premierships and the under thirteens have also won the Ampol Cup.

Six players have been selected for Victoria. You just have to walk down the street or go to any school and you see a green and white track suit with a G.G. AJAX on the back.

As Ajax is in a growing soccer-orientated area, given a measure of success, growth should come naturally.

Ajax is hoping to get response from business people in the area.

The cost of running a club has risen dramatically. Money is needed, in fact stacks of it, and running social functions for the purpose of running the club are things of the past.

Ajax needs a sponsor and someone interested could be reading this column.

Lets now have a look at some statistics.

In the Cumberland Cup, Ajax reached the final. The league record was: Played 11, won 7, lost 1 and drew 3 at home and won 8, drew 3 and lost one away.

Roy Collins has won the Federation award for the best player in the Metropolitan First Division.

Michael Banagan is the first equal top goalscorer, with 18 goals.

The club's award for the best player, 1976, was won by **David Cole.**

The club's award for the best reserve player was won by **J. Muscat.**

Winning the title of Metropolitan League champion was not just a dream but a challenge.

If accepting a challenge is any indication to success, then Green Gully Ajax cannot help but become the most successful local State League club.

FLASHBACK: This team won the 1971 Second Division championship and lifted Ajax into Division One. Standing, from left: H. Dynak, J. Biewer, G. Zoumboulakis, C. Grimaud, I. Bosnic, A. Langer. Front: N. Kolbl, D. Anderson, J. O'Sullivan, B. Braini, C. Vella.

How Ajax has fared

The record of Green Gully Ajax:

1955 Founded
1956 Under 13s second
1957 Under 14s third
1958/59 Under 15s fourth
1960 Under 16 champions
1961 Under 18 second.
1962 1st senior year, 7th.
1963 Runners-up, promoted to 4th division.
1964 Runners-up, promoted to 3rd division.
1965 Third
1966 Runners-up, promoted to 2nd division. 3rd Div. Reserves Premiers.
1967 Ninth
1968 Ninth
1969 Third
1970 Fifth
1971 Champions, promotion to 1st Division.
1972 Third
1973 Seventh
1974 Sixth
1975 Second
1976 Champions.

COMPANY

On September 21, 1973, Green Gully Sports Club Pty. Ltd., was formed for the purpose of managing the club's affairs.

It is not difficult to appreciate that with a Board of Directors acting on behalf of the company, this will facilitate such negotiations as relate to the construction of the new clubrooms and discussions with councils and other parties.

Most important, it will enable the club to raise finance as its contribution to the building fund and ensure the council of the club's best intentions and support of the local community.

They've been club's best

Best and fairest winners at Ajax:

Sammy Psaila	1962
Arnold Langer	1963
G.A. Nicholls	1964
Michael Gambin	1965
Arnold Langer	1966
Charles Vella	1967
Anthony Gallagher	1968
Francis Campbell	1969
Nicholas Kolbl	1970
Tony Vella	1971
David McCurry	1972
Franz Berens	1973
Boris Braini	1974
Franz Berens	1975

Franz Berens "won" in 1974 but lost the trophy when he was suspended for two games.

Coach Ian Petherick

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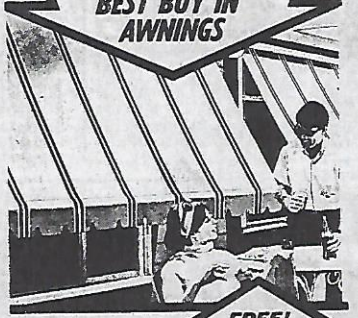

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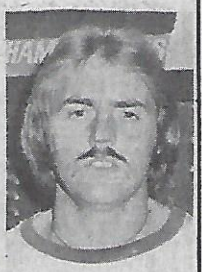
Victorian star Peter Ollerton has done a lot during an eventful soccer career.



Peter Ollerton

Although only 25, Ollerton has achieved much and received top honors.

He has represented Victoria on countless occasions and been a regular member of the Australian side.

Ollerton's next main aim is to play for Australia in the 1978 World Cup series.

On October 18 he and fellow State player **Jim Tansey** will leave Sydney with the Australian squad for a five-week, 10-match tour of Europe.

Anyone wishing to ask Ollerton a question should write to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer St, Melbourne.

This week's questions:

Q: What is your age, height and weight? (Question by Stan Merigoe, Leila Road, Carnegie, Vic.)

A: I am 25, six-foot-one and 13 stone 5 pound.

Q: How many games have you played for Australia and Victoria? (Question by Allan Edwards, Lydia Ave., Campbellfield, Vic.).

A: I have played in the Australian X1 about 25 times and have also played 14 full internationals.

I cannot remember all the games I have played for Victoria.

Q: When did you join Hellas and what is your future with the club? (Question by Stephen Maggo, Renver Rd, Clayton, Vic.)

A: I went to Hellas in early December last year.

I got married on November 4, and it would have been a month after that.

I'd like to play at least a year with Hellas in the National League and then see what happens from there.

Q: What has been your past record in soccer? (Question by Stan Pearson, Park St, Pascoe Vale, Vic.).

A: I started with the Preston (England) Schoolboys' side, and then served a three-year apprenticeship with Blackpool.

Before joining Northern Premier League club Fleetwood, I spent six months with Liverpool. When I was 19 I arrived in Australia and came to Ringwood Wilhelmina where I spent two seasons.

Then I moved to Sydney and played two and a half seasons with APIA.

After that I moved back to Melbourne.

Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your career? (Question by Dudley Sambel, Church St, Richmond, Vic.).

A: **Tom Anderson** did a lot for me when I was in Sydney.

He coached APIA for a year, and it was the season that I went away with the World Cup team.

He's the best coach I've played under and in regard to fitness he is tops.

Tom is now a journalist, covering soccer for Sydney papers.

Between the ages of 15 and 18, **Ron Stewart**, the manager of Blackpool and then coach of Chelsea, had a big effect on me.

Q: Where do you work? (Question by Stephen McGregor, Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon, Vic).

A: I work as a sales representative for Gresham Tecnique of Hawthorn.

We sell goods to salons and pharmacists.

My work partners are former Australin Rues champion **Doug Wade** and **John Newman** of Geelong.

Port Melbourne under 11s, back row from left: Stratos Kalogeros (coach), Nick Roufos, Leon Theologos, Nick Papanickolaou, Sterios Kotzamihalis (president), Aki Kotzamihalis, Jim Kravidas, Memet Dircovic, Jim Palatsidis (secretary). Front row: Bill Adonis, Michael Hamakiotis, George Kalogeros, Joe Palatsidis, Peter Tosolakis.

Joe and George scored 91 goals

Port Melbourne's under 11s won the championship to be the club's most successful team of 1976.

They lost only one match, scoring a mammoth 120 goals and conceding only 10.

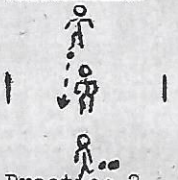
Two of the boys scored 91 goals between them.

They are **George Kalogeros** who got 47 and **Joe Palatsidis** who notched 44.

But they weren't alone. All the others also played brilliantly, making Port Melbourne a pleasure to watch.

These were Port Melbourne's league results: v Doncaster 9-0 and 13-0; v Waverley 12-1, 9-0; v Watsonia 11-0, 16-0; Melbourne 6-0, 10-0; Eltham 6-0, 8-0; Rosanna 5-1, 3-1; Hellas 5-2, 4-2; Greensborough 1-2, 3-1.

Practice 1



Practice 2

Practice 3

Practice 4

Practice 5

Practice for goalkeepers:

The servers play balls into the goalkeeper alternately, and vary the service. The goalkeeper should concentrate on getting both hands and his body behind the ball and not crossing his feet when moving sideways.

Practice 2 is to develop confidence in diving. The goalkeeper adopts a squat position. The ball is served to the side of the goalkeeper who takes the ball into his chest as he falls to the ground. As confidence increases, the service may be further to the right and the goalkeeper may adopt a more upright stance.

In practice 3, three balls are served in as shown. The goalkeeper must drop on the first one, and as soon as he touches the ball the second ball is served in to make the goalkeeper dive low to the right. He then has to get across the goal to push a high ball to safety.

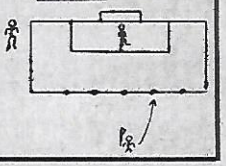
In practice 4, balls are served in high, low and sometimes over the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper is not allowed to move until the server "whistles".

In practice 5 three posts making an equilateral triangle become three goals. The players may pass the ball around the goals before shooting. The goalkeeper has to stop any shots at any one of the three goals.

In practice 6 the goalkeeper starts on the goal line, the shooter starts by the flag. The shooter has five shots in any order and after each shot he must run around the flag. The goalkeeper must touch his goal line after attempting to save each shot. The position of the flag may be altered to allow the goalkeeper more or less time.

In all of the practices the goalkeeper is required to work hard, therefore shot rest periods should be included. Remember, high quality work in short bursts is the kind of activity the goalkeeper has to perform in the game.

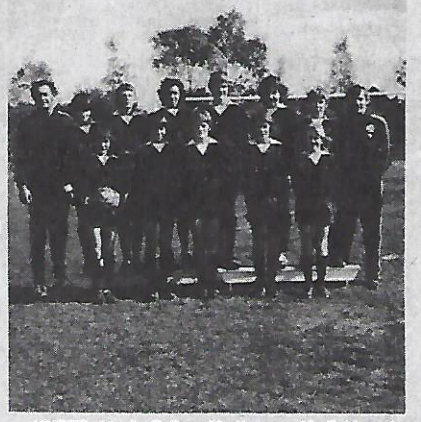
Practice 6



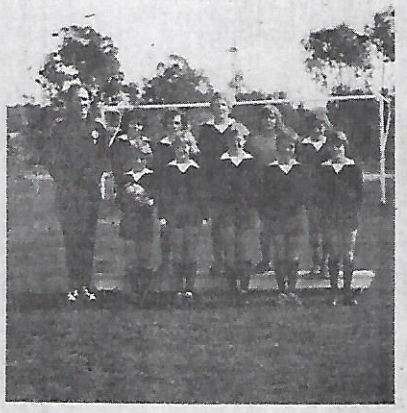
These are the Barker improvers

In past weeks we've been featuring the most successful of Mooroolbark's junior teams.

This week we turn the spotlight to the less successful, but improving teams.



UNDER 14: S. Bailey, M. Haynes, M. Eckley, A. Wharmby, F. Deles, S. Boyd, M. McElhone, S. Carrol, K. Kilpatrick, S. Scanlon, G. Bell. Coach: B. McKenzie; assistant coach: G. Boyd, manager: K. Kennedy.



They are:

UNDER 11B: H. Sterling, D. Griffiths, M. Gebbing, T. Weber, P. Howell, D. Randall, G. Orr, S. Sandham, M. Onastasi, S. Robinson. Coach: H. Gebbing

UNDER 11 back row from left: Alan Parker (coach), John Nicholaas, Andrew Muchmore, Rooney Minogue, Paul Trembath, Billy Jackson, Mark Annowski, John Nicolaas (manager). Front row: Robert Greenhow, John Scanlon, Fred Philipps, Alan Bailey, Robert Brazil, Ian Moore, Rodney Scanlon

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UNDER 9

League champions — Melbourne.
Runner-up — Eltham.

UNDER 11 NTH

League champions — Moreland.
Runner-up — Thomastown.

UNDER 11 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melb	15	0	1	119	10	30
Greensboro	11	4	1	43	14	26
Sth Melb A	11	2	3	71	23	24
Melbourne	9	2	5	41	39	20
Rosanna	9	1	6	61	27	19
Eltham	6	0	10	26	57	12
Waverley B	3	1	12	21	55	7
Doncaster B	2	0	14	10	85	4
Watsonia	1	0	15	8	93	2

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	16	0	1	107	13	32
Greensboro	12	2	3	38	22	26
Sth Melb	11	2	4	62	23	24
Watsonia	10	2	5	46	22	22
Rosanna	10	1	7	38	33	21
Clifton Hill	6	3	8	24	43	15
Collingwood	4	5	9	19	57	13
Eltham	4	3	11	16	38	11
Port Melb	4	2	12	17	41	10
Diamond Ck	0	0	18	2	80	0

UNDER 12 WEST

League champions — Coburg.
Runner-up — Moreland.

UNDER 13

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley A	16	1	1	92	4	33
Box Hill A	16	0	1	85	15	32
Ring Cy A	11	2	4	67	32	24
Rosanna	10	2	6	51	33	22
Greensboro	8	5	5	43	24	21
Doncaster A	6	3	7	54	50	19
Watsonia	5	3	10	31	51	13
Kew Park R	3	1	14	25	80	7
Nuna Cy A	3	0	15	21	62	6
Mitcham	0	1	17	7	25	1

UNDER 14 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Debneys A	12	1	1	61	8	25
Fawkner	9	0	4	45	27	18
Moreland	8	1	4	29	21	17
Thomastown	7	0	5	25	17	14
Broadmeadows	7	0	6	35	33	1
Essendon	4	0	9	16	55	8
Galvanton	2	0	12	15	30	4
Essendon Cy	2	0	10	14	47	4

UNDER 14 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill A	15	0	1	106	12	30
Doncaster A	13	0	3	55	16	26
Melbourne	12	1	2	88	13	25
Star Sport	7	2	7	14	45	16
Rosanna A	6	1	9	11	60	13
St Marks	5	1	9	11	41	11
Greensboro	5	0	11	17	69	10
Eltham	4	1	11	17	53	9
Debneys B	1	0	15	3	17	2

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	16	0	1	95	9	32
Watsonia A	14	1	3	78	19	29
Box Hill	12	1	4	76	21	25
Juventus	12	1	4	52	22	25
Rosanna A	11	2	4	46	15	24
Doncaster	7	1	10	36	47	15
Rosanna B	6	2	10	41	43	14
Watsonia B	4	0	14	31	116	8
Diamond Ck	2	0	16	24	64	4
Nth Carlton	0	0	18	7	110	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	12	3	0	63	12	27
Box Hill	10	2	3	69	19	22
F.T. Gully	8	1	5	40	31	17
Croydon	6	3	5	37	43	15
Waverley	7	1	6	30	28	15
Greensboro	3	5	6	18	30	11
Rosanna	4	1	9	36	48	9
Kew Pk R	3	3	8	29	48	9
Monbulk	1	1	12	13	68	3

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UNDER 8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	13	0	1	58	4	26
Sun Hts A	13	0	1	55	4	26
Albion	9	1	4	31	13	19
Altona	7	0	7	19	25	14
Werribee	4	3	7	7	21	11
Messiel	2	2	10	6	42	6
Melton	1	3	10	3	40	5
St Albans	1	3	10	1	32	5

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	13	2	1	69	6	28
Footscray	13	1	2	60	8	27
Keilor Cy	12	0	4	49	16	24
Essendon	10	2	4	46	12	22
Keilor	6	1	8	33	30	13
Ardeer	3	3	9	7	66	9
Nathan	3	2	10	6	37	8
Altona B	2	2	11	10	42	6
Melton A	0	3	13	7	70	2

UNDER 12 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sun Cy A	12	4	0	41	6	28
Altona A	12	3	1	56	15	27
Melton B	9	3	4	39	13	21
St Albans	8	2	6	32	14	18
Sunshine Hts	7	2	7	42	37	16
Ahlen	6	0	10	25	37	12
Werribee	4	3	9	10	29	11
Messiel	3	3	10	18	45	9
West United	0	2	14	7	79	2

UNDER 13 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	13	3	1	78	9	29
Moreland	11	4	3	32	15	26
Altona A	11	3	3	56	10	25
Sun Hts A	10	4	4	48	20	24
Ahlen	8	3	6	40	24	19
Ascot	7	5	6	30	18	19
Keilor	4	4	9	27	39	12
Fawkner	4	2	12	15	56	10
Broadmeadows	2	4	12	20	68	8
Essendon Cy	1	2	15	7	84	4

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UNDER 7 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater	8	2	2	42	8	18
Ring Cy A	7	3	2	26	4	17
Moorooibark A	6	3	3	26	7	15
Doncaster A	6	3	3	18	8	15
Croydon A	4	4	4	16	11	12
Box Hill A	1	2	9	3	42	4
Nuna Cy A	1	1	10	1	52	3

UNDER 6 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ring Utd A	14	1	1	44	2	29
F.T. Gully	10	3	3	28	5	23
Moorooibark B	10	2	4	23	11	22
Croydon B	7	2	7	23	16	16
Malgrave	7	2	7	10	20	16
Melbourne B	5	3	8	5	22	13
Ring Cy B	2	4	10	5	29	8
Boronia B	2	1	12	7	11	5
Ring Utd B	0	3	12	2	36	3

UNDER 8 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater	15	1	1	42	1	31
Moorooibark A	14	2	1	47	10	30
Croydon A	9	5	4	26	13	23
Box Hill A	10	2	5	23	11	22
Nuna Cy A	8	2	8	14	15	18
Doncaster A	7	3	8	17	26	17
Melbourne A	4	5	9	18	22	13
Mitcham	4	3	11	14	30	11
Ring Cy A	2	3	13	9	39	7
Boronia	0	2	15	1	42	2

UNDER 10 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater B	14	1	1	57	11	29
F.T. Gully	11	1	4	34	14	23
Ring Cy B	9	4	3	35	11	22
Nuna Cy B	9	4	3	30	19	22
Moorooibark B	9	2	5	31	17	20
Malgrave	6	2	8	21	28	14
Croydon B	2	2	12	11	46	6
Waverley B	1	4	11	10	56	6
Boronia	1	0	15	4	41	2

UNDER 10 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ring Cy A	12	0	4	33	12	24
Moorooibark A	11	1	4	35	7	23
Croydon A	10	3	3	35	13	23
Nuna Cy A	11	0	5	30	15	22
Bayswater A	7	2	7	22	20	16
Doncaster A	5	4	7	16	19	14
Box Hill A	4	4	8	19	27	12
Ringwood Utd	3	1	12	14	36	7
Boronia A	1	1	14	4	58	3

UNDER 11 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	14	0	0	79	3	28
Springvale B	10	2	2	34	15	22
Box Hill B	5	4	5	4	18	14
Nuna Cy B	5	3	6	14	16	13
Ringwood Cy	4	3	7	14	23	11
Bayswater B	4	2	8	15	39	10
Moorooibark B	3	4	7	9	35	10
Boronia	1	2	11	6	36	4

UNDER 11 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater A	14	1	1	82	11	29
Waverley A	11	3	4	48	23	25
Ringwood Utd	10	3	4	44	21	23
Box Hill A	8	5	4	31	18	21
Doncaster A	7	3	8	26	21	17
Clayton A	6	4	8	29	41	16
Nuna Cy A	5	5	8	27	32	15
F.T. Gully	5	4	9	31	51	14
Moorooibark A	4	5	9	22	43	13
Mitcham	1	1	16	3	77	3

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorooibark B	10	1	1	52	7	21
Nuna Cy B	9	2	1	31	5	20
Malgrave	7	1	4	37	25	15
Croydon	7	1	4	37	26	15
Waverley B	3	1	8	12	21	7
Boronia	1	3	8	13	40	5
Monbulk	0	1	11	7	65	1

UNDER 12-WEST

League champions — Nunawading A.
Runner-up — Waverley A

UNDER 13

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	16	0	1	97	5	32
Moorooibark A	14	1	2	85	16	29
Ringwood Utd	12	2	3	79	17	26
Bayswater	13	0	4	70	17	26
Mordialloc	9	2	7	34	23	20
Waverley C	8	1	9	29	47	17
Box Hill B	3	3	12	21	65	9
Moroolbark B	4	0	14	23	81	8
Ring Cy B	2	1	15	13	120	5
Doncaster	1	2	15	7	64	4

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	15	0	0	65	3	30
Waverley B	12	2	1	58	10	26
Bayswater	10	2	4	47	22	22
Box Hill B	9	1	6	27	29	19
Ringwood Utd	8	2	6	39	19	18
Doncaster B	4	0	12	23	52	8
Boronia	3	2	11	18	54	8
F.T. Gully	3	1	11	21	52	7
Monbulk	1	0	14	6	56	2

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorooibark	16	0	0	79	8	32
Nunawading	11	2	3	44	19	24
Bayswater	9	3	4	55	20	21
Waverley	9	1	6	56	40	19
Croydon	7	3	6	49	37	17
Clayton	5	4	7	29	36	14
Mitcham	3	1	12	25	59	7
Boronia	3	1	12	24	76	7
Ringwood Cy	1	1	14	20	78	3

UNDER 13 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	14	2	0	71	3	30
Kensington	10	3	3	55	19	23
Melton	8	7	3	33	21	23
St Albans	10	1	6	36	18	21
Sunshine Cy	7	6	5	33	26	20
West Subs	7	4	5	43	23	18
Messiel	6	4	8	24	38	16
Sth Melb B	4	2	11	34	47	10
Sun Hts B	4	2	12	16	66	10
Altona B	0	1	17	6	93	1

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Albans	14	3	0	67	6	31
Messiel	14	2	1	64	13	30
Sun Hts A	12	4	2	61	9	28
Altona A	11	1	5	48	15	23
Green Gully	8	3	6	33	24	19
West Subs	6	5	7	42	17	17
Ardeer	6	1	11	31	26	13
Keilor	5	1	12	10	49	11
Werribee	1	1	16	6	103	3
Sunbury	0	1	17	4	111	1

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	15	1	0	70	8	31
Keilor	14	1	1	69	7	29
Coburg A	9	1	6	44	29	19
Messiel	6	3	7	38	28	15
George X	6	3	7	45	44	15
Albion	7	1	8	30	37	15
Altona	6	1	9	34	38	13
Delias	3	1	12	17	59	7
Coburg B	0	0	16	1	99	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	13	1	2	44	10	27
Essendon	10	3	3	41	21	22
Albion	9	4	3	33	17	22
Fawkner	10	1	6	39	24	21
Altona	8	5	5	18	17	21
Moreland	8	3	7	23	35	19
St Albans	7	4	5	24	33	18
Broadmeadows	2	3	12	15	44	7
Galvanton	1	2	13	8	35	4
Ascot	1	2	13	10	20	2

PENINSULA

UNDER 8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
F. Fines	11	3	2	33	5	25
Peninsula	9	3	4	25	17	21
Brighton	8	5	3	29	20	21
Seaford	7	6	3	27	14	20
Karingal	7	5	4	26	17	19
Cranbourne	3	6	7	11	23	12
Mornington	4	2	10	9	31	10
Overport	2	5	9	5	22	9
Doveton	2	3	11	8	31	7

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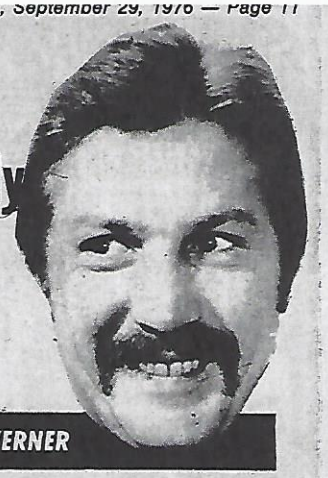

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The venue was Tony Kovac's Vineyard Charcoal Grill, the occasion was the presentation of the Bill Fleming medal.

Gathered was the collective might of the Victorian Press Association.

They came in their thousands decked in varying degrees of peacock splendour.

I chose for my ensemble a basic green outfit complimented by a fawn twin split sport jacket. For accessories I decided to remain with neutral black.

To match my Lincoln and avoid a clash, **Laurie Schwab** tastefully wore a pale blue number topped off by a shoulder strap camera case, also in neutral black.

Peter Sweeney arrived in a suit of ominous black especially designed for him by Charlie Chaplin.

The prize for elegance must of course go to that man about town **Henry Siwka**, who came dressed to kill. Unfortunately when told that no broads had been invited, he died.

Jim Barker, when asked about his tailor, replied, "Oh, it's just something I threw on."

Most present agreed that he had missed.

That leviathan of soccer protocol, **George Wallace**, sported a head polish that would make an old sergeant-major weep.

I do have a bone to pick with **Peter Georgiou**, though. Had he told me that he was not wearing a tie I could have saved three dollars.

Steve Kalus naturally wore his suit for all seasons — a pained expression dominated by a desire to collapse in a neurotic heap.

Les Shorrock came wearing **Bobby McLachlan.**

The evening started out very well on Plumb Brandies (I can't spell the other name for it) dished out without reserve by our host **Tony Kovac.**

By the time the other guests had arrived the evening was half over for me.

The reserved back room started filling at an alarming rate. Walters pilfered tables from the restaurant proper.

Two more arrivals and the function could have continued in Paris sidewalk cafe style.

At .09 we all sat down and commenced with the proceedings.

At .15 I felt an urge to rush the pissoire but my water was blocked by two Greeks sitting steadfast in the escape route.

Jim Barker then began clouting at a wine glass and we knew the time had come for shush and seriousness.

Mr Barker started the ball rolling with a series of ethnic jokes that went over my head.

The ethnics among us burst into uncontrollable hysterics, internally. They weren't about to lower the tone of the proceedings by a display of open laughter.

An absolute show of self control and decorum, chaps!

The Bill Fleming Medal was then awarded to **Jim Tansey** after we had scraped off the words, **"Bill Vojtek".**

Jimmy Mackay then took off one of his boots and gave it to **Arthur Xanthopoulos** and proceeded to hop back to his seat and was heard muttering, "Thank Christ I used Odor-eaters."

The evening then continued with a host of people winning various trophies and awards.

I am still trying to get my hands on the guy who was awarded my steak.

The prize for the most prepared member of our coterie must go to the president of the Victorian Soccer Federation **Mr Theo Marmaras.**

Single-handedly he enlightened us with an unabridged history of soccer since the year dot, followed by the Gettisburg Address and the United Nations Charter.

As dawn crept over the Vineyard windowsill the function came to a close.

I for one enjoyed it immensely.

I also enjoyed **Con Nikolopoulos'** cavapcici sausages in lieu of my steak.

Sandringham takes Cup

Sandringham City had a brilliant win over Third Division Moorabbin City in their annual challenge cup.

Three times in the first half Moorabbin went ahead, only to see Sandringham draw level every time.

The half-time score in a fast and furious match was 3-3.

The second half was no slower than the first, with players running themselves into the ground in an endeavour to score the goal to break the deadlock.

The goal finally came from a free kick for Sandringham which was curled over and around the Moorabbin defensive wall and on to the foot of a Sandringham player who gleefully tapped it in.

This was to prove the decisive move.

Sandringham, playing with six reserve team players, ran out narrow winners, 4-3.

The difference between the two sides was the never - say - die attitude of the Sandy players who knew they had to lift themselves.

Best players, Sandringham: Rea, Drda, Martin; Moorabbin: Schultz, Stirrup, Morgan.

Crowds flock to Coke Cup

The Coca-Cola Schools Cup certainly has added interest to school soccer this season. Crowds of 4000 have attended matches leading up to the quarter finals.

In the quarter-final match between Sturt High School (South Australia) and Morley High School (Western Australia) an excited and interested crowd of more than 3000 cheered Sturt to a great 4-1 win.

Sturt now travels to Newcastle to meet Cup favorites Booragul in a semi-final which will surely attract a crowd of at least 3000.

Karingal High (Victoria) defeated Elizabeth College (Tasmania) in an interesting match and now travels to Sydney to play the Tasman Cup winner Bankstown Boys' High in the other semi-final.

Schools soccer is drawing better crowds every year all around Australia. More than 5000 are expected to attend the final of the Coca-Cola Cup which will decide the leading soccer school in Australia.

Several leading soccer officials have been invited to the final, including Victoria's **John Barclay** and **George Wallace**; South Australia's **Adrian Deckers**, and ASF president **Sir Arthur George** and secretary **Brian le Fevre**.

YOUTH SOCCER

By BOB QUIMBY, president, Australian Schools Soccer Federation.

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More than $250,000 worth of talent on display — yes, that's right, one quarter of a million dollars of schools soccer talent at the Australian schools under 18 championships held in Newcastle.

There was on show 80 of the best young soccer players in Australia.

For instance, **Duncan Cummings**, the Victorian schools State team striker, who, after last year's under 18 championships, was bought for $10,000.

While still at school, he was picked in the Victorian State senior team and is one of the future prospects for the senior Australian squad.

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Well, how did the championships go?

In the final, Northern NSW defeated Victoria 1-0 to take the title, but it was interesting to note the standard of the overall competition.

Throughout the championship ever State was beaten.

The play-off for third place was typical of the entire competition in which NSW defeated SA (1-1) 7 corners to 6.

A disappointing crowd of only about 1500 saw the exciting final, but the standard of soccer was impressive.

Mr Ken Booth, NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation, was official guest and presented the trophy to the Northern NSW team captain.

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While on the topic of our national championship, I would like to thank the various clubs and officials who have assisted us.

In particular Lake Macquarie Soccer Club, Newcastle Austral Soccer Club and Cardiff Soccer Club. Also a special thanks to **John Hobson** from Mallinson, who arranged the sponsorship of the official dinner.

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Victorian schools coach **Bob McLachlan** also had another duty last week, as assistant coach of the Victorian senior State team. Bobby, who teaches at Caulfield, is perhaps the finest schools soccer coach in Australia and he may join a National League club in 1977 on a full-time basis. We wish him well.

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Another schools official in the news is **Rodger Marlor**, vice-president of the Australian Schools Soccer Federation.

Rodger is now full-time secretary for Tasmanian Soccer Federation and we wish him well in his new position.

Rodger's interest, I know, will continue in youth soccer and I am sure he will still be able to offer advice and assistance.

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I have just concluded negotiations with New Zealand Schools Football Association for a series of schoolboy under 18 internationals starting in August 1977. This will at least give the kids some aim in their soccer programme.

Floriana goes down at home

VALLETTA, Malta— Slask Wroclaw (Poland) beat Floriana (Malta) 4-1 (half time 1-0) in a European Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg match here.

Scorers — Slask: Gavlowski (2), Kwyalkowski, Farrugia (own goal). Floriana: Vassallo.

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Asia's best: that's Iran

After seeing Iran in the Olympic tournament in Canada, many commentators praised the team as possibly the best Asia has produced since North Korea of 1966.

That's bad news, because Australia will probably have to play against Iran in one of the World Cup qualifying tournaments.

Colin Jose, North American correspondent for the magazine "**World Soccer**", writes in the September edition:

"Iran played particularly well in all its Olympic games and may well be the best Asian team since the North Koreans of 1966.

"If they continue the progress made in recent years under the coaching of **Frank O'Farrell** (O'Farrell resigned just before the Olympics and the Iranians played under his assistant, **Heshmat Mohajerani**) Iranian soccer could be a force to be reckoned with in the future."

Iran's results in the Olympic tournament were: 1-0 v Cuba, 2-3 v Poland and 1-2 v the Soviet Union.

The squad contained five players who played in either or both of Iran's two World Cup qualifying games against Australia in 1973.

They are: goalkeepers **Mansour Rashidi** and **Nasser Hejazi**; midfielder **Parvis Qelichkhani** and forwards **Gholam Mazloomi** and **Ali Parvin**.

Iran's Olympic squad was:

1 **RASHIDI**, Mansour, 10.7.48; 2 **NAZAVI, Hassan**, 13.3.55; 3 **ESKANDARIAN, Andranik**, 16.9.41; 4 **ZOLFOQALNASSAB, Bijan**, 12.11.48; 5 **QELICHKHANI, Parviz**, 1.2.45; 6 **GHASSEMPOUR, Ebrahim**, 2.7.56; 7 **PARVIN, Ali**, 18.9.46; 8 **ABDOLLAHI, Nasrollah**, 30.11.53; 9 **NOURAII, Nasser**, 30.11.53; 10 **ROWSHAN, Hassan**, 21.10.50; 11 **KHORSHIDI, Ali-Reza**, 16.5.50; 12 **NAYEBAGHA, Hassan**, 21.10.50; 13 **MAZLOOMI, Gholam**, 24.9.49; 14 **MIRFAKHRAI, Saham**, 15.4.50; 15 **JAHANI, Ghafoor**, 5.4.50; 16 **AZIZI, Ali-Reza**, 23.8.49; 17 **HEJAZI, Nasser**, 19.12.49. Coach: **MOHAJERANI, Heshmat.**

Olympic scorers

Top scorers in the Olympic soccer finals were:

	Gls	Ms.
Andrzej Szarmach (Poland)	6	5
Hans-Jurgen Dorner (German DR))	4	5
Victor Rango (Mexico)	3	3
Michel Platini (France)	3	4
Grzegorz Lato (Poland)	3	5
Vladimir Onischenko (USSR)	3	5

Why Pele kicked his opponent in the face

Pele stands before the world as a model of sportsmanship — the black man in the lily white colors of the good guy, idol of millions, an example to youth, an inspiration to the aspiring star.

But Pele in his youth was far from an angel, as our picture above shows.

Yes, it's the great one behind the boot imbedding itself in that opponent's skull!

It's Pele brutally kicking Uruguay captain William Martinez, as Brazil's masseur Americo holds Martinez down.

Pele's team mates **Didi** (right) and **Orlando** move in to get their part of the action.

The image-shattering picture was taken in 1959, during a Brazil v Uruguay match in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It illustrates in the most brutal terms the hatred that has existed between Brazil and Uruguay on the soccer field ever since Uruguay beat Brazil 2-1 to rob Brazil of the 1950 World Cup.

Blood has flowed freely since then in clashes between the two nations.

The 1959 battle has been the worst of them.

With **Didi, Pele, Garrincha, Santos, Gilmar** and co., Brazil had won the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

Now, in the South American championship, Uruguay and the Argentinian spectators considered it a matter of pride to make sure their powerful neighbor from the north did not leave Buenos Aires with the title.

A harmless clash between a Brazilian and the Uruguayan goalkeeper, **Taibo**, started it all.

Like commandos, players of both sides set upon each other.

Didi, usually the personification of fairness and calm, jumped feet first into the back of an opponent.

Then came the incident with Pele and Americo, while all around players were punching, kicking and spitting.

The referee and linesmen were nowhere to be seen, even when, five minutes later, the fighting stopped and the 22 players sat down on the pitch, waiting.

Suddenly the three men in black reappeared from out of the race.

As if nothing had happened, they trotted back onto the pitch. On their way, the referee picked two players at random from each side and sent them off the field.

Without argument, they accepted his order and headed for the showers.

So now it was nine against nine and for the next half hour the crowd was treated to immaculate soccer.

The 18 players were falling over each other to be nice. They retrieved the ball for their opponents when it went out of play and they apologised to each other for the slightest foul.

Brazil won 3-1, but as soon as the final whistle sounded, it was on again for young and old.

But by then nobody cared anymore about who or how many were beaten senseless. After all, the 90 minutes were over.

Earlier this year the hatred between the two countries flared again in the Copa Atlantida — the series between the strongest national teams of South America.

Brazil's **Rivelino** had a stand-up fist fight with a Uruguayan opponent and was sent off the field. That left Brazil with nine men, as it had earlier had another one sent off.

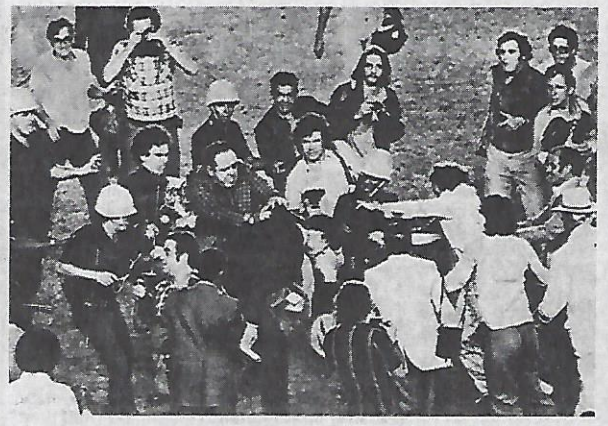
Brazil still managed to win 2-1 and in the return game it was Uruguay which had to play short-staffed after one of its players was sent off for dragging an opponent by the hair.

But the ref closed his eyes when **Rivelino** slapped Uruguayan **Ramirez** in the face.

Having won 2-1, the Brazilians headed back to the dressing rooms, along with their opponents.

On the way, all hell broke loose again and the opposing teams locked in a bloody battle.

When the president of the Uruguay FA, Mr **Velasquez**, tried to break it up, he was hit on the head with a microphone.



A scene from the Uruguay v Brazil match in the 1976 Copa Atlantida. Mr Velasquez, president of the Uruguayan FA, tries to break up brawling players and gets a microphone smashed onto his head.

Europe's top scorer to join AEK?

Sotiris Kaiafas, the 26-year-old Omonia Nicosia striker who was Europe's leading marksman last season with 39 league goals may join the Greek club AEK Athens.

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Franz Beckenbauer, the 100 times capped West German international captain has been elected Footballer of the Year. He received 286 votes out of 570. Second was **Rainer Bonhof** (Borussia Moenchedgladbach) with 57, while **Sepp Maier**, Bechenbauer's Bayern Munich club colleague came third with 55.

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Giorgio Chinaglia, the Italian international striker of New York Cosmos, set up a new United States professional record with five goals and two "assists" in the 8-2 win over Miamo Topros. Watched by a crowd of 18,103, Chinaglia scored his last four goals in 17 minutes.

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Christo Bonev, the Lokomotive Plovdiv and Bulgarian international midfield player, won his 86th cap in the 2-2 draw with Switzerland and is now only three behind the record holder **Dimitar Penev**, who is no longer a current choice for the national side.

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Saudi Arabia's captain can scarcely be accused of being chicken. He is called Kalid Turkey . . .

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The West German national team has a busy schedule. It has 18 A internationals lined up between October this year and — wait for it — December, 1978. That's what you call planning ahead. The 1978 match, on December 20, is against Holland. Other games are against Yugoslavia, USSR, Czechoslovakia, France, Northern Ireland, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, Wales, Sweden and Hungary or Scotland.

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Argentinian internationals continue to be transferred abroad. Norberto Alonso has joined Olympique Marseille from River Plate; Mario Alberto has gone to Valencia from Rosario Central and Miguel Angel Brindisi from Huracan to Las Palmas.

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Urguay are banning transfers for their top 50 players from October 1 until after the 1978 World Cup, unless to other Uruguayan clubs.

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A few hours before Nice were due to meet Sochaux in the opening French First Division match, the club informed by FIFA that the contract of the club's new Yugoslavian centre-forward Nenad Bjekovic had been suspended. Bjekovic, who was top scorer in Yugoslavia with 24 goals last season, had already signed a contract with the Dutch club AZ 67.

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Top scorer in all competitive matches among West German players last season was Gerd Muller. His total of 36 included 23 in the league, eight in the cup and five in the European Cup. Top Bundesliga marksman was **Klaus Fischer** of Schalke 04 with 29. Fischer with 32 overall was third in the list of scorers behind **Erich Beer** (Hertha Berlin) on 34.

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Hero of Bayern Munich's recent 9-0 win over Tennis Borussia was — you guessed it — Gerd Mueller, who netted five of them.

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Borussua Dortmund started their German Cup programme with a 10-0 win over the amateur club Concordia Haaren. The match was a personal triumph for new striker Erwin Kostedde from Hertha Berling, who scored six goals including four in succession.

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Former Portugal star **Eusebio**, who spend most of his career with Benfica, is attracting the attention of Cruzeiro, the Brazilian club. Eusebio (34) is currently playing for Monterrey, in Mexico.

Dutch to stay in Cup

THE HAGUE — Mr Wim Meuleman, president of the Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), says Holland has no intention of pulling out of the 1978 World Cup, even though one of his top officials called for withdrawal because he felt Argentina was not a safe venue.

The official, **Mr Max Tripels**, legal expert on the professional players section of the KNVB, told AAP-Reuter that the seven-member board of his section discussed the political and security situation in Argentina last week, but had not taken any decision yet on whether to call on the International Football Federation (FIFA) and the European Football Association (EUFA) to change the venue to Brazil.

Mr Tripels denied reports which quoted him as saying that his organisation had decided that Holland — runner-up for the World Cup in 1974 — should withdraw unless the venue is switched, but added:

"I could not take the responsibility of letting the team and their families go to Argentina because of the political and security situation. I would resign rather than take this responsibility."

Mr Meuleman commented: "We don't intend to withdraw, and have not even discussed this question. It is entirely a matter for the International Football Federation whether the finals are held in Argentina or not." — **AAP-Reuter.**

New boss wants 2 up, 2 down

Last Wednesday, at the Tivoli Club, Richmond, a significant event occurred in the history of the Metropolitan League. I refer, to the election of the new chairman to succeed John Barclay, whose club Frankston City, has been elevated to the State League.

The new chairman is **Michael McCulloch**, the president of Albion Rovers and I forecast that this dynamic young man will have a profound effect on the Metro's future.

Mick, who is a sales executive of Hoover Australia, came to Melbourne in 1970 from Sydney, where he was connected with the amateur club Glebe, and he became associated with Albion Rovers when the old Seawi Social Club moved from St Kilda to Albion.

In 1973 he was elected president of the Club for a three-year term, and in 1974 he was elected to the Metropolitan League management committee, becoming deputy chairman, last year.

Under his presidency Albion has thrived, extending the social side of the club until the clubrooms now rank as Victoria's finest. A fully-licensed club is envisaged early in 1977.

He led the club into the First Division in his first year of office, and the team finished a creditable sixth this season, after having an unlucky start through injuries.

I spoke to Mick this week and asked him what he planned in the coming season for the Metro.

"First and foremost" he said, "I want to see two up and two down introduced between the Metro First Division and the State League.

"Four clubs have signed the necessary notice of motion, and the matter will come up at the A.G.M. on October, 21.

"I feel that several State League clubs will support the move this time and I hope that common sense and not self-interest will prevail.

"Also this year I want the whole of the management committee to become totally involved in the running of the League, instead of leaving it to one or two people as in past years.

"To this end I am going to ask each of my committee to take another three clubs under his wing and to look after their interests as well as those of his own club.

"This way I feel we can lessen the work load on Soccer House, and settle small problems as they arise, instead of leaving them to the monthly meetings.

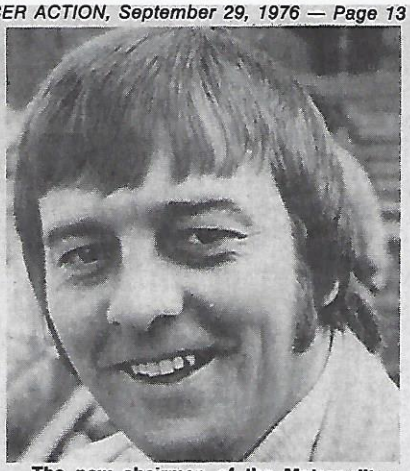
"The whole of the committee must be involved in the grounds and fixtures on a similar basis, and we hope to assist clubs who have ground problems by approached local councils and so on.

"I hope too, that the planning committee is allowed to function again as it did 12 months ago under the chairmanship of our president, for I feel that with three representatives from each of the two leagues sitting round the table together, a lot was accomplished."

As you can see from that statement, **Mick McCulloch** is not going to let the grass grow under his feet in his new appointment, and I feel sure he will accomplish his goals.

The management committee of which he is chairman consists of:-

M/s Maria Biewer (St Albans), Messrs. **A. Brand** (Rosebud), **S. David** (Western Suburbs), **J. Dimtsis** (Fitzroy), **J. McHugh** (Waverley City), **C. Payne** (Park Rangers), **J. Oliver** (Ballarat), **D. Pegg** (Croydon City), **M. Percil** (Brighton), **B. Tessari** (Moreland) and **J. Whittaker** (Doveton).



The new chairman of the Metropolitan League, Mick McCulloch of Albion Rovers.

The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

Lions sparkle with five out

MATCH OF THE WEEK

ESSENDON LIONS 3 (Grujicic, Culina, Krmcevic.
FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan).

ESSENDON LIONS: Petrovski, Billaver, Copley, Kulyk, Vladovic, Grujicic, Krajina, Yanchev, Murphy, Culina, Krmcevic, Gardiner, Wallace.
FRANKSTON: Hawke, Merrick, Irvine, Adams, Lewis, Shanks, Pryde, High, Buchanan, Campbell, Savage, Murray, Johnstone.

Essendon made no fewer than five changes from the team that won so well against Mooroolbark on Show Day, leaving out Hugh Gunn, George Train, John Gardiner, Nick Kuzmanov and Craig Wallace.

At the 17th minute mark, Frankston took the lead when **John Pryde** beat two men on the right and then crossed to **Buchanan.** He coolly chested the ball down and then hooked the ball well wide of the diving **Petrovski.**

Lions persisted in playing too close, and their attacks kept breaking down in the face of first-time clearances from the Frankston defenders.

Ken Murphy, playing in place of **Kuzmanov**, was putting a lot into his game, but was well held by **Sandy Irvine.**

Lions almost broke through when **Grujicic** dribbed past three defenders, but in the nick of time **Merrick** recovered and booted the ball clear, but Lions were not to be denied, and pressed forward determinedly.

Krncevic looked certain the score, but shot weakly, and a very dangerous corner situation was saved by a timely **Adams** intervention.

With Frankston's defenders in a tangle, **Yanchev** shot, but the ball deflected off **Merrick's** shin, and **Grujicic** banged it home with glee for the Lions' equaliser in the 44th minute.

The half-time interval came up almost straight away and Lions trooped off the ground very pleased with themselves.

Frankston coach, **John Pryde** took off **Andy Savage** and **Billy Lewis** on resuming and replaced them with **Dave Johnstone** and **Sam Murray.**

Lions resumed where they had left off and were in the Frankston box straight away.

They forced a corner and the ball was half-cleared, but Frankston couldn't relieve the pressure and the ball finally came to **Grujicic** and was cleverly chipped to the far post where **Culina** had ghosted behind the defence.

He neatly hooked the ball over the advancing Hawke and Lions had hit the front.

Lions looked irresistable now and suddnely the game had slipped completely from Frankston's grasp.

Ken Murphy, Kuzmanov's deputy, had grown in stature all through the game, and he and the lanky **Krncevic** seemed to be in everything.

The other front runner **Krajina**, too was proving a handful and they were well backed up by the two busy midfielders, **Culina** and **Grujicic.**

Fortunately for Frankston **Hawke** was in fine form in goal and he saved well from **Grujicic, Murphy** and then **Grujicic** again.

The rare Frankston attacks, in comparison, seemed uncoordinated, and often broke down with the final pass going astray and a couple of players glaring at each other.

Billy Buchan was still putting everything into his game, and once looked capable of equalising, as he bustled through single handed, but weight of numbers beat him.

Sam Murray had a chance of an equaliser in a goalmouth scrimmage, but the ball didn't run kindly for him and when Lions sallied forth again **Hawke** saved a certain goal as he pounced on **Krncevic** as the forward was to about to shoot.

Essendon Lions goalkeeper Dime Petrovski pounces at Mooroolbark striker Mike Clarey (left) in the Dockerty Cup match at Olympic Park last week. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Classy Cartro takes Cup with winner by Siwka

The pitch at Middle Park was in perfect condition last Saturday when Ford Falcons met Cartro in the final of the Black Douglas Cup.

Bright sunshine with a cool breeze blowing towards the city end greeted the teams when they took the field, and the first thrust for goal was made by the Falcons but this move was cut out by **Peter Gray** who put Cartro on the attack.

Cartro started to build up the pressure and were rewarded by a corner on the left which **Marek Konopka** drove over the angle.

Cartro continued to press but a neat move between **Kaz Kowalec** and **Henry Siwka** came to nothing because of a timely interception by **George Bundy.**

Siwka was proving to be a quite a handful for **George Theodorou** and used his speed to get round the Falcons defence but his shot hit the side netting.

It was 10 minutes before the Falcons could raise the siege but when they did they raised in force and with the ball bouncing about in front of the Cartro goal, **George Minas** stabbed it past the post.

Cartro immediately counter-attacked but **Siwka** didn't get hold of the ball properly and **Harry Mastorakakis** had no difficulty in collecting it.

The Falcons had two or three men watching the elusive **Siwka** but gained respite because their attack was beginning to function and **Vlado Dolevski** was causing the Cartro defence just as much trouble at the other end.

With **Ilija Kokarevski** driving them forward and **Stephen Nagy** starring on the right wing, the Falcons were looking good.

Nagy cut in from the wing but shot straight at **Eugene Snopkowski**, then **George Minas** crossed the ball from the left but **Dolevski's** header was saved.

Bundy was now able to spare more time for attacking and cleverly collected the ball in midfield to put **Nagy** away again but his shot lacked power.

After 25 minutes **Siwka** shook the Falcons again by rounding **Theodorou** but again found the side netting.

A minute later the Falcons opened the scoring with a picture goal. A long cross from Bundy to the far post was headed back by Nagy into the path of George Minas who hammered it home from close range.

The Falcons nearly made it two but **Zdenko Tusek's** shot was well saved by **Snopkowski.**

Cartro were trying to get back on level terms and when **Bundy** gave away a free kick just outside the box, **Hildebrand** drove the ball inches wide of the upright with **Mastorakakis** beaten.

A touch of the old **Kowalec** magic saw him snake through three players and deftly chip the ball to **Hildebrand** but **Akin Namli** spotted the danger and forced the ball away and so it ebbed and flowed. A free kick by **George Minas** saw **Tusek** ghost in only to head wide, then a neat movement by Cartro ended with **Mastorakakis** making a diving save from **Siwka** and that was how the first half ended, with Falcons leading 1-0.

The second half saw Cartro on the attack and when **Siwka** pulled the ball back from the bye line it was spectacularly cut out by **Mastorakakis.** Then **Tusek** collected the ball level with his own penalty area and set off on a diagonal run to near the Cartro corner flag but his centre was mis-kicked by **George Minas** when well placed and only the keeper to beat.

The Falcons gave away another free kick just outside the box and although **Siwka** rose like a rocket, **Mastorakakis** went higher and plucked the ball off his head.

Cartro were still playing methodical soccer and a snap shot by **Kowalec** nearly caught **Mastorakakis** out, but he palmed it away.

Yet another free kick to Cartro 20 years from goal ended with a rising shot from **Slawomir Sarna** being well taken by the keeper.

At the other end **Kolevski** let fly with a rocket only to see **Snopkowski** hold it easily. That must have discouraged him because it was worth a goal and then suddenly Cartro were level.

After 19 minutes of the second half Cartro took a corner on the right. The ball was pushed down and whilst everyone-else was wondering what to do Eddie Widera ran in and pushed it home from six yards.

The Falcons seemed to have lost concentration and three minutes later, while they were still groggy, Cartro struck again. **Swika**, through challenging, had his first clear shot at goal and made no mistake to put them two up.

With Widera taking on a new lease of life after his goal, his promptings were keeping Cartro on top.

Hildebrand sped down the right wing and **Siwka** was setting himself for a shot at goal when the ball was kicked off his foot. A free kick to Cartro saw **Siwka** head straight at the keeper and so the game progressed.

With 10 minutes to go Falcons threw caution to the wind and started to bombard the Catro goal. A free kick to Falcons just outside the box saw **Konopka** head the ball away but he must have felt that one.

Cartro's defence finally cracked and Falcons got the ball into the net only to see the linesman resolutely holding up his flag for offside.

Kokarevski fired one past the post, then **George Minas** set him up again but again he shot wide.

Dolevski won a corner on the right and everyone piled into the box but again it was cleared.

Then **Bundy** put in a run and won yet another corner but all to no avail as the final whistle blew to make Cartro the 1976 Black Douglas Cup winners.

An exciting game with plenty of good soccer, brilliant individual performances and well controlled from first to last by **Tony Beasleigh,** ably assisted by Messrs **Fokianos** and **Slape.**

Fords could so easily have won the game and should have been more than one goal up at the interval, having controlled the play for long periods but Cartro never gave up and their more polished, controlled soccer saw them take charge in the second half to finish worthy winners when considering the whole 90 minutes play.

In the final round of league matches, pride of place must go to Colyer Watson who have won the 4th Division West Championshp by beating Leyland 3-1 in the last match of the season.

This match was played before a large crowd and Colyer Watson had to win to take off the championship on goal average.

Play was fairly even in the first half which ended with Leyland leading 1-0 through a goal scored by **Chris Ballas.**

The Rovers got on level terms following a corner whnch was partially cleared only for **Joe Falzon** to hammer it back and see it deflected into the net.

The scent of victory was in the air and the Rovers piled it on. A 30 yard drive by **Graham Sullivan** scraped the upright and crossbar as it went in and **Joe Falzon** made it three following a defensive mistake by Leyland but by this time it was all over.

Standard A.S.T. and Ericsson had a ding dong battle which seesawed with never more than a goal separating the teams. Standard eventually took the lead at 3-2 but Ericsson scored twice more to win 4-3.

Wills, after their splendid win against the Falcons last week, found Philip Morris much easier opponents and coasted home to a 4-nil win.

Diecraft were a goal down to Lysaght, scored by **Ian Johnson** in the first half, but came into their own as the steel men tried and eventually won 3-1 through goals by **Sreten Cohadzic** and **Tomas Rios** (2).

The Ansett team attended this match in force and obviously take an interest in more than their own club.

A couple of friendly matches were also played. A.H.D. after a respectable 3-3 draw against Rangers tested themselves against Division 1 team Tarax.

After an early barrage at the Tarax goal when the woodwork played its part A.H.D. wilted and finally lost 1-5.

ANZ Bank played CBC Bank for the Inter-bank Soccer Cup and this match went to extra time before CBC Bank won 2-1.

And now Altona v Ajax

Federation CUP RESULTS: Waverley City 0, Green Gully Ajax 2 AET; Coburg 2, Altona 4 AET; Newport 2, Princes Park 0, Ringwood U 0, Doveton 1; Springvale 1, Dandenong C. 0; Albion 5, Clayton 0; Heidelberg 0, Brighton 1.

ROUND 3, Saturday October 2: G. Gully v Altona C; Albion Rovers v Brighton; Springvale v Newport; Doveton v Essendon Lions.

There were no shocks in the Federation Cup last Saturday, but a couple of top teams had their coaches biting their nails as they went into extra time.

Coburg jumped Altona, and **BOB MALCOLM** scored in the 10th minute through a ball down the middle. Then he had a hand in a second goal and at half time Coburg were 2-0 up.

Altona reduced the deficit after 10 minutes of the second half, when **ALAN DAVIDSON** headed into the net in a goalmouth scramble.

JOE WILSON, the Altona coach, switched **NAT LITTLE** to midfield and Altona began to get on top. **GEORGE WATERS** levelled the score at the 80th minute.

In extra time **DAVE COOPER** scored in the 94th minute and a great ball from **LITTLE** gave **WATERS** the opportunity to notch his second and his side's fourth.

Springvale gained a measure of revenge for their league defeat by knocking out last year's finalist Dandenong City.

BOB ADAM got the all important goal after 19 minutes and for the rest of the game defences were on top.

Dandenong could count themselves a shade unlucky but **PETER MUR** played very well in the Springvale goal. Best for Springvale were **PETER MUR, IRWIN DOLMETSCH** and **EDDIE LANGE.**

Albion Rovers won against Clayton easily as the score suggests.

GORDON BENTLEY opened the scoring with a brilliant individual effort in which he beat five men, and Albion also hit the bar twice.

Clayton were no doubt handicapped by an unfortunate injury to their captain. **STAN REID** who was taken to hospital with a badly dislocated knee.

In the second half Albion rariot **ALAN LENDERS** hit the post and then **KEVIN WHICHELOW** made it 2-0 at 55 minutes, **GORDON BENTLEY** 3-0 at 65 minutes, and **BILLY RAE** and **BENTLEY** rounded it off in the last 10 minutes.

Albion's best were **BENTLEY** (with a hat - trick) **JIM DAPERLS** and **BILLY RAE.**

Green Gully eventually won a bruising encounter at Waverley in extra time, with goals from David Cole and Andy Segi.

Coach **IAN PETHERICK** left out **ROY COLLINS** for disciplinary reasons and his deputy **EDDIE KLIMCZAK** played well. Best for the Gully was **MARIO BORG.**

Brighton progressed further with a good win at Heidelberg.

They scored at the 55th minute mark, through **JIM WILLIAMS** and in the closing minutes **PETER AVENT** missed a penalty.

The Heidelberg defence played well and goalie **CARMEL MICALLEF** made two good saves from **DAVE GORRIE.**

Best for Brighton were **DAVE GORRIE, PETER MERCOULIA** and **ARCHIE SHEDDON.** Heidelberg's best were **DON CLARK, MOWATT** and **MICALLEF.**

In next week's round the match of the day must be the clash between Green Gully and Altona City.

The corresponding league match finished 3-3 and I wouldn't dare to hazard a guess at the results of this game.

Springvale have their fourth successive home draw and must be given a big chance of progressing further.

Doveton will find Essendon Lions a tough proposition, especially as Lions are now out of the Dockerty Cup.

Brighton might find Albion just a bit too strong especially at

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Division 3: Mladen Mutic, Diecraft — 21, Voja Milkenkovic, Diecraft — 16, Gerry Peel, TAA — 14.

Division 4 East: Richard Prentice, Linatex — 28, Vince Tagliaferro, McColl Dynamo 'B' — 28, Mario Calleja, Fibre Containers — 22, Victor Pauvif, McColl Dynamo 'B' — 22.

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Lions victory shock of quarter finals

ESSENDON LIONS 2 (Grujicic, Kusmanov) MOOROOLBARK 0.

ESSENDON: Petrovski, Bilaver, Train, Kulyk, Gunn, Krajina (Murphy), Grujicic, Gardiner, Culina, Kusmanov, Wallace.

MOOROOLBARK: Ivanoff, Sinclair, Williamson, Vaughan, O'Toole, Tront, Pongho (Ontong), Thom, French, Rigby, Clarey.

Essendon Lions will play in the State League next year and the side showed it deserved this right by beating Mooroolbark 2-0 in their Dockerty Cup quarter final match at Olympic Park last Thursday.

Lions turned on a brilliant display to completely outclass their National League opponents.

It was the first real test the side had to face, and it came through with flying colors.

Many people believed that Lions would not be able to contain Mooroolbark for the full 90 minutes, and that it would only be a matter of time before the 'Barkers overran their opposition.

However, this never looked like being the case, as Lions were in control from go to whoa.

Their defence was extremely strong and goalkeeper **Petrovski** was best afield.

He made some brilliant saves and certainly kept his team in the game.

Petrovski was well supported by **Bilaver** in defence, who also did a sterling job.

Branko Culina played brilliant soccer and it was his best match of the season.

Essendon Lions official **Tony Vrzina** said: "Our boys were nervous and a little overcome for the first 10 minutes, but they were right after then.

"We had about 60 per cent of the game.

"It was a big test against a State League side and we proved we are a talented prospect.

"It was my first time back at Olympic Park since the 1972 Ampol Cup, and it was a great result.

"Most people thought we would tire in the second half but this wasn't the case."

Mooroolbark was disappointing.

It had been expected to win and give the Dockerty Cup a big shake.

However this wasn't to be, as they were given a football lesson by the keener and sharper Lions side.

Mooroolbark's best players would have been the ever reliable midfielder **Dave Rigby** and top State League goalscorer **Graham French**, who had three good shots at the net.

Paul Ontong played an extremely serviceable game when he replaced **Alan Pongho**, and he added plenty of drive to the side's attack.

However most of the Barkers performed poorly and they now have to regain form and confidence quickly before the State League Cup series starts.

SUNSHINE 3 (Cumming 2, McRobert), ALEXANDER 0.

SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Kokoska, Mussell, Howe, Laing, McCarthy, Petrov, Cumming, Piotrowski, McRobert.

ALEXANDER: Blasby, V. Bannon, Taylor, Nelson (Brand), Glykokalamos, Racovalis, Bozikas, Gibson, Cole (Webster), Gillan, Nicolaides.

Footscray JUST dumped Fitzroy Alexander out of the State League four two weeks ago and last Thursday Alexander was shown no mercy when Sunshine walloped it 3-0 in their Dockerty Cup quarter final.

Alexander was pathetic and never looked a chance at all.

Minute **Tommy Cumming** — the Atom Ant — was once again the destroyer and he ripped the Alexander defence, usually a tightly knit organisation, to pieces.

He finished with two goals, and was the chief thorn in the Alexander side.

Alexander's performance was disgusting.

In an extremely poor bunch, **Andrew Bozikas** was the best player.

Bozikas' form in recent weeks has been first class, and he's one of the few Alexander players who is contributing.

Alexander coach **Jack Reilly** said: "It's impossible to win a war without soldiers.

"You would not have wanted to win our blokes in a raffle, as they did nothing.

"Sunshine was prepared to run. They completely outran us.

"Our blokes thought they could take a holiday and still win the match.

"Unfortunately you can't afford to play like this."

Sunshine had good players all over the ground.

Even though they didn't have much to do, the team's defence was excellent and gave Alexander's non systematic forward line no chance to get into the game.

Ian McCarthy gave great support to **Tommy Cumming** and **Jim McRobert** was the other goalscorer.

It's hard to imagine that Fitzroy Alexander — boasting many big guns and bundles of ability — could be such a meek and mild team.

It is something that they have been going through for many weeks, and they will need to do a lot of serious thinking before the National League starts next year.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 4 (Picioane, Ristevski, Buljevic, Kriaris), CROYDON 1 (Telford).

JUST: Boland, Parrot, Kazi, Kriaris, Kondarios, Milisavljevic, Ilioski (Micic), Palinkas, Picioane, Buljevic, Ristevski.

CROYDON: Edwards (Koenen), Ireland, Ogden (Owen), Allsopp, Ward, Howarth, Kelly, Mihaly, Telford, Kupinic, Wyllie.

Footscray JUST scored a runaway 4-1 win over Metropolitan League club Croydon in their quarter final match at Middle Park on Thursday — but only after plenty of stiff resistance.

The final scores belied the type of game Croydon played, however JUST's class and superiority was noticeable only in the second half.

The match opened at a crackerjack pace, with Croydon going in hard and wanting to unsettle the classier JUST team.

This it did achieve and it took Footscray quite a while before it was able to settle down.

Although JUST never looked in danger of defeat at any stage during the match, it was worried by Croydon's determination and will to win.

Croydon was matching JUST well, and nullifying its stars.

JUST held a goal lead at the break — scored by midfielder **Joe Picioane** after a corner.

After the interval, JUST slowly but surely edged Croydon out of the game.

Midway through the term, **Mendo Ristovski** landed into the net a fast, superbly aimed shot which looked as though it had put the issue beyond doubt.

But it didn't take Croydon long to strike back and after a relay of passes, **Jim Telford** scored.

The crowd — small but vocal — rose to its feet and gave the underdogs a standing ovation.

However that was the only time Croydon was able to match Footscray, and the game was over when, within one minute, two goals were scored.

One was a supreme **Branko Buljevic** header and the fourth was gently tapped into the net by defender **Jim Kriaris**.

JUST had won easily, but Croydon had put up a grand show.

It had to be complimented on the way the side had battled out the match with the classier and more skilful JUST team.

Best players for the winners were **Jim Kondarios, Branko Buljevic** and **Joe Picioane**, while Croydon was best served by **John Howarth, Tony Allsopp** and **Dick Ward.**

POLONIA 4 (Nierobicz, Herman, Lipiarski, Humphrey), BOX HILL 0.

POLONIA: Melitis, S. Klein, Marmur, Klimecki, Jaworski, Czapnik, Nierobicz, Borucinski, Lipiarski (Dykun), Herman, Humphrey.

BOX HILL: Pearce, Benton, Adam, McLeod, Bradley, Brown (Tsakalidis), Corke, McKaskie (Tuffield), Beradini, McQueen, Taylor.

Polonia's 4-0 win over Box Hill in the quarter final of the Dockerty Cup at Middle Park on Thursday was the club's most relieving win of the season.

A win was a must for Polonia . . . a do or die effort.

Polonia finished in last spot on the State League ladder . . . but two days before the match it was granted readmission for next year.

Box Hill — who finished in fifth place on the first division ladder — had applied for admission to the State League next season.

However the club was knock-

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Sunshine's Tommy Cumming raises his arm in triumph as his shot enters the net, with Alex Nelson of Alexander grounded. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

3 games in 4 days

Essendon Lions were put at a distinct disadvantage in their Dockerty Cup semi-final by having played two other games in the previous three days.

It was a monumental blunder by the people who draw up the fixtures.

No semi-professional team should be asked to play three games in four days.

Lions' first match was against Mooroolbark in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals last Thursday. Two days later they had to line up again in the Federation Cup against Frankston City and the following day was the Dockerty Cup semi.

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ZIKA NIKOLIC

— NEPREDVIDJENI FINALISTI —

Teško je objasniti kako su se J.U.S.T i Polonija našli u finalu Dockery Cupa-a. JUST do polufinala nije imao ozbiljnog protivnika, a u polufinalu je susreo Sunshine City, koga je odavno hipnotizirala odbrana plavih. To je jedini prvoligaški klub koji nije postigao ni jedan gol protiv JUST-a u prvenstvu ili Kup takmičenjima. Tako je bilo i ovog puta. JUST je počeo senzacionalno! Povelo je sa 1:0 u prvom minutu i gospodario igrom još pola sata, kada je došla do izražaja preterano oštra igra Sunshine City-a (dva žuta kartona) što je prinudilo JUST-a da prerano pređe u o odbranu, ali sasvim organizovnu. Čak je u zadnjem minutu JUST mogao da pobedi sa 2:0 da se nisu isprečile dva stative, kada je Picioane šutirao u skoro prazan gol.

Polonija je imala daleko lakši posao. Ušla je u finale DOCKERTY Cup-a, a da nije susrela ni jednog prvoligaša. U polufinalu protiv Lionsa, neosporno Polonija je imala sreću i iskustvo na svojoj strani. Pored toga "Croatia" je igrala tri teške utakmice za četiri dana, pa je i umor bio važan faktor na ovoj utakmici.

Nabrajajući ove činjenice nemam nameru da proglasim JUST-a apsolutnim favoritom u finalu Dockerty Cup-a. Naprotiv, Polonija je ove godine jedino sa JUST-om imala pozitivan rekord (izuzimamo AMPOL Kup), jer mu je uzela tri boda u prvenstvu. A to je mogao, kada znamo da je Polonija završila poslednja a JUST drugi.

Pošto ne postoje nikakvi razlozi da pokvare ovaj značajan sportski događaj, osim lošeg vremena, očekuje se dobra poseta i odlična igra. Neka samo dođu svi stari i novi navijači JUST-a i Polonije, pa će poseta biti pristojna. U finalu Dockerty Cup-a JUST i Polonija su se sastali samo jedan put, 1963 godine pred 12.000 gledalaca. Uzalud je padala kiša, kada su igrali raspoloženi i neustrašivi igrači. Pobedio je JUST posle lavovske borbe sa 4:2.

Svaki žali sa finansiske strane što u finalu nema Hellasa i Alexandra. Ali pobede se ne postižu dekretom, već uspešnom igrom na zelenom polju. Zbog toga pravi ljubitelji nogometa treba da pruže dužno poštovanje poštenom pobedniku, naročito kada je u pitanju prestiž sa okruglom loptom, prema kojoj su toliko nepravedni dnevna štampa, radio i televizija u ovoj zemlji.

IMAJU I OBLAKA

Iako bez velikih timova nema prave igre, ipak je veliko uživanje gledati dva dobra juniorska tima. Ja sam se zaljubio u JUST-ov tim ispod 12 godina. Prvo, polovina bi mogla igrati ispod 10 godina. Sa loptom beharaju kao matorci. Ima ih iz svih krajeva Jugoslavije, pa čak imaju i jednog Oblaka. Kada je on u formi (a to je skoro uvek), još kako se naoblači pred protivničkim golom, pa je onda lako Marku Visiću, Cvetkovskom i Trkulji da daju golove. Treba doći, videti, pa onda verovati kako malećni golman Zoran Nastevski ispod same prečke boksuje loptu u korner. A nije veći "nego žabi do ramena", kako kaže naša pesma.

U nedelju su JUST-ove švrće pobedile Nunawading sa 5:1. Prvo, Nunawading je prvak istočne zone i finalista juniorskog kupa. Drugo, Nunawading treniraju stara JUST-ova zvezda Emio Marinović i stari navijač JUST-a Jože Pahlina. To je već dovoljno da pokaže značaj i vrednost pobede JUST-ovih mališana, koje sportski vaspitava skromni Pepe Dugino. Golove za JUST su postigli Marko Visić 3, Stojče Dimovski i Marko Trkulja po jedan. Ovog puta najbolji su bili Stojče Dimovski, Tomislav Karić, Jorgo Gagić, Argo Terzep i Marko Visić. Nije igrao Marino Oblak. Zamislite šta bi bilo da je i on igrao!

Od starih JUST-ovih igrača i Djura Rodek treniaro juniore Waverley-a. Čini mi se da su prvaci!

USPEŠNA PRVA GODINA

Završeno je amatersko nogometno prvenstvo Melburna prošle nedelje. Izgubio sam vezu sa Inter-om i Pelisterom, dok sam bio na Olimpijadi i po Evropi, ali se nadam da su dobro prošli. Moram da istaknem Wiltona/Vojvodina, koja je zadnju utakmicu protiv Ascot Vale-a igrala 1:1 (0:0) u sledećem sastavu: S. Peška, M. Paunov, J. Dervušovski, A. Kotvaš, A. Strešnjak, P. Oravec, M. Strešnjak, Ž. Vasiljevski, J. Sklenar, D. Dimoski, M. Oravec (Lj. Kitanovski). Jedini gol je postigao Martin Strešnjak. Igra je bila živa i zanimljiva. Ovo je prva godina Vojvodine u Melburnu, pa je peto (a možda i četvrto) mesto uspeh dostojan najveće pažnje. Neka se ovom uspehu pridruže i naše čtstitke.

TARAX MISLI NA IDUĆU SEZONU

Činjenica da su mogli ispasti iz prve industriske lige prinudilo je TARAX-ovo rukovodstvo da zimnicu spremi na vreme. Zbog toga je prošle nedelje odigrana prijateljska utakmica Tarax — A.H.D., na kojoj je Tarax isprobao nekoliko starih i mladih prospekta. Gol je branio Steva Zakomarek, živa legenda viktorijanskog nogometa. On je pri Jugosloven i stranac koji je navukao državni dres ove zemlje, i to protiv Engleske na Melbourne Cricket Groundu 1951 godine pred 60 hiljada gledalaca. Još jedan put je svega, ovaj vrsni vezni igrač, stao na gol — 1954 godine za Dockerty Cup. Pomahnitali sudija, bivši vojni narednik, izbacio je tri JUST-ova igrača zbog najobičnije primedbe, pa čak i golmana Ristu Nikolića. Pošto onda nije mogao da se ubacuje novi igrač ,među stative je stao Steva Zakomarek. Čim je uhvatio loptu, iako je nosio golmanski dres, sudija je svirao penal. To je jedini gol što je primio, a Hakoah je sa punim timom jedva pobedio sa 4:3. Nije čudo što je bio idol dece, koja su ga zvali ZAK.

Sa ovakvim slavnim golmanom i gostima, kao što su Sekula Tomić i Boško Djorđević, Tarax je ubedljivo pobedio sa 5:1. Golove su dali: Tomić 3, Kosović i Jakovinčić. Sastav Tarax-a: Zakomarek, Kostromin, Mitrović, Djorđević, Ranković, Bogović, Kosović, Bikicki (Jakovinčić), Tomić, Adamović, Kostromin.

TUŽNA JE NEDELJA

Ovu će pesmu pevati Toplak i njegovi momci sve do utakmice sa Španijcm, koja se igra 10. oktobra u Sevilji za Svetsko prvenstvo (kvalifikacije). Može li toga dana Jugoslavija popraviti loš utisak, koji je ostavila u Rimu 25. septembra, veliko je pitanje. Italija je lako i ubedljivo pobedila Jugoslaviju sa 3:0, na sreću samo u prijatelskom susretu. Hoće li ovaj poraz naterati saveznog kapitena Toplaka da se obrati na "strance" Džajića, Katalinskog, Oblaka i Popivoda?!

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan, Provisional and District Leagues.

ELTHAM TOPS, LES BEST

It's been a good year for Eltham.

The senior side finished runners up in the third division to Bell Park, and the reserve XI won the league.

And this season was the year of **Les Gooney**.

Gooney was the leading goalscorer and won the best and fairest award.

The awards were made known at the club's presentation night on Saturday.

Guests who attended included the Shire President of Eltham, **Mr Alan Horsley** and his wife **Denise** former Metropolitan League personality **George Yelland**, and Mr and Mrs **John Hopkins**, who are well known for their sporting interests in the Eltham area.

Mr Yelland paid tribute to the club on what it had achieved in such a short time, and wished them all the best for next year in division two.

Reserve team skipper **John Scott** received the premiership trophy on behalf of his team and was given an extra award . . . he was voted the best and fairest player for the year.

Players from the first and reserve XI sides were given medals in reward for their efforts of doing so well during the year.

Rayko Curcija finished runner up to **Gooney** in the best and fairest award, and **John Van T Hoff** took out that distinction behind **John Scott.**

The club's most improved player award went to **Paul Emsden,** and two awards, given by Eltham coach **Sandy Bruce,** were won by **Phil Hopkinson** and **Marco Radojcic.**

John Rattray was the top scorer in the reserve team.

RED HEADS

Red haired midfielders are a big success with top Provisional club Geelong.

Ken Meadows and **Billy Carruthers** — two players fitting that description — have won the best and fairest awards for the club's senior and reserve sides this season.

Meadows got 61 votes to beat **John Barber** who polled 42 votes.

Carruthers won his medal on a countback from **Norm Cooper,** after they had tied on 35 votes.

Geelong has reappointed **Sandy Milne** as its coach for next season.

The former Mooroolbark, Croydon and Windmills (W.A.) player led his team to the top of the list, and Geelong could gain a spot in the fourth division of the Metropolitan League.

The best clubman award was given to **Gerrard Vermeulen** and **Alan Ogilvie** won the golden goal of the year award with a 45 yard rocket shot against Ringwood United in a cup match.

DANCING

District League club Greensborough will hold its presentation night on Saturday October 30.

It will be held in the dance hall at Petrie Park, Montmorency.

PARKERS BALL

Princes Park Hercules will hold its annual ball and presentation night this Saturday.

The function will be at the Elwood reception rooms, Elwood.

Tickets can be obtained by phoning **Mr M. Dinakis** on 663 4591 or **Mr E. Aretis** on 842 1091.

The junior presentation will be held the same night

MIGHTY MITCHAM

It's a big weekend for the Mitcham United club. On Saturday the club's reserve team will play Yarraville in the third round of the District League cup.

A New South Wales team — the Southern District club — who compete in fourth division — will be guests of Mitcham.

Mitcham will play Southern District in seniors and reserves on Sunday.

The Marconi — Fairfield under 14 and under 15 sides will play games on Saturday and Sunday.

Both will meet Croydon on Saturday, the under 14's play Waverley on Sunday and the under 15's meet Mitcham.

All games will be played at Mahoneys Rd, Forest Hill.

Mitcham United visited Southern District club last year.

GULLY CHAMPS

Green Gully Ajax are king of the kids.

The club's under eight side won the league when it thrashed St Albans 6-0 recently.

The side had earlier lost its cup game to Bayswater 2-0.

CARNIVAL

One of the biggest ever junior carnivals was held by the Chelsea club recently.

A total of 16 under 10 junior sides competed in the tournament, which was sponsored by Attack Sportswear.

Moreland beat Albion Rovers 1-0 in the final.

The tournament went all day Saturday and Sunday, with more than 1000 people watching the games.

The play was of a high standard.

Matches were played on a round robin basis.

The Chelsea club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the tournament a success, particularly **Mr Tony Ratcliffe,** the managing director of Attack Sportswear.

MEETING

The annual meeting of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association will be held on Tuesday October 26.

The meeting will be held at the VRI class room 1, Third floor.

Every member club must be represented by a delegate, or they will be fined.

Any special business must be forwarded to the secretary 28 days before the meeting.

Nominations will be taken for five executive positions.

These are president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and publicity officer.

The Association has been forced to change its presentation night from Saturday November 6 to Monday November 1 (Cup eve).

The function will still be held at the Windsor Regis, Windsor.

Cost of a single ticket has dropped from $9 to $7.

Money must be with the secretary before Wednesday October 20.

KORTUM CUP

Springvale City — host club of the under 14 Kortum Cup — took out that title on Sunday when it beat Karingal 4-2 in the final.

A total of eight sides competed in this year's event.

Members of the Springvale and Karingal teams were presented with gold and silver medals by **Mr John Kortum.**

Results of the title were: Semi finals: Karingal won on a walkover against Ringwood United. Seaford 6 Doncaster 4 (2-2 at full time). Springvale 1 Frankston Pines 0. Caulfield 5 South Dandenong 1.

Preliminary finals: Karingal 3 Seaford 2. Springvale 5 Caulfield 2.

Grand Final: Springvale 4 Karingal 2.

CLUB'S TOP SCORERS

DANDENONG

Brian Holcombe 9
Jim McLelland 7
Arthur Hill 7
Dave Parker 7
Don Young 4
John Wotherspoon 2
Eddie Hughes 1
Arthur Cherrie 1
Billy Buchanan 1

BALLARAT FIRSTS

C. Payton 12
D. Gunn 9
A. Whitehead 8
P. Smith 7
G. Hollywood 4
M. Vissers 3
C. Stirling 3
L. Arts 1
J. O'Hea 1
L. Ives 1

BALLARAT RESERVES

D. Gunn 11
J. O'Hea 8
B. Cham 7
M. Vissers 7
C. Deluca 5
C. Payton 4
C. Newlands 3
S. Higgins 2
T. Arts 2
K. Blackmore 2
N. Zelenich 2
J. Fugiel 2
G. Hollywood 1
C. Stirling 1
P. Armstrong 1

PRINCES PARK

16 A. Feretis; 6 P. Bistounis, J. Saxanedis; 3 D. Koullacus; 2 S. Kaknis; 1 C. Nikolaidis; 1 B. Kamberopoulos.

GREEN GULLY

18 M. Banagan; 11 Collins; 6 Klimczak, Segi; 3 Grady, McCurry; 2 T. Banagan, M. Borg; 1 Cole.

BOX HILL

Taylor 19
Berarrdini 8
McQueen 6
McCaskie 1
Tatsiokas 1
Macleod 1

BRIGHTON

Peter Avent 11
Jim Williams 8
Arch Sheddon 5
Dave Harrison 4
Dave Gorrie 3
Steve Collinson 2
Willy Fulton 2

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UNDER 11 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	14	2	0	93	8	30
Springvale	11	2	3	86	12	24
Dandy City	10	2	4	47	17	22
Brighton	10	1	5	43	16	21
Caulfield	8	4	4	46	14	20
Beaumaris	6	1	9	22	45	13
Nth Dandy	4	0	12	10	59	8
Berwick	3	0	13	8	65	6
Clayton B	0	0	16	1	131	0

UNDER 11 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Karingal	14	1	1	76	10	29
F. Pines	13	2	1	39	6	28
Overport	13	1	2	64	6	27
Cranbourne	8	1	7	30	25	17
Peninsula	6	1	9	25	47	13
Seaford	5	1	10	18	42	11
Rosebud	3	2	11	18	48	8
Mornington	2	2	12	19	50	6
Langwarrin	2	1	13	7	62	5

UNDER 12 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Overport	13	2	1	76	4	28
Seaford	12	2	2	49	10	26
F. Pines	10	2	3	53	9	22
Langwarrin	10	2	3	53	16	22
Peninsula	10	0	6	48	26	20
Karingal	5	1	10	17	65	11
Chelsea	2	3	11	15	39	7
Cranbourne	1	2	13	5	86	4
Mornington	0	2	14	4	65	2

UNDER 13 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melbourne	17	0	0	83	12	34
Seaford	13	0	5	48	18	26
Karingal A	13	0	4	62	28	26
Clayton A	9	4	5	42	27	22
Springvale	10	1	7	55	24	21
Melbourne	6	2	10	45	24	14
Waverley B	4	3	11	22	54	11
Beaumaris	4	3	11	14	51	11
Doveton A	3	4	11	27	47	10
Brighton	1	1	16	11	123	3

UNDER 14 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	14	1	1	98	13	29
Nuna Cy A	13	1	2	77	12	27
Brighton	12	0	4	49	19	24
Waverley A	11	1	4	60	36	23
Caulfield	7	0	9	35	40	14
Springvale	5	1	10	33	41	11
Peninsula B	4	1	11	33	53	9
Dandy Cy	3	1	12	40	55	7
Salesian Coll	0	0	16	4	141	0

UNDER 14 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula A	14	2	0	85	9	30
Overport	10	4	2	76	23	24
Seaford	10	1	5	62	29	21
Karingal	9	3	4	56	32	21
F. Pines	8	3	5	57	21	19
Rosebud	7	2	7	38	43	16
Chelsea	3	1	12	18	82	7
Sth Dandy	3	0	13	25	49	6
Cranbourne	0	0	16	9	138	0

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula	11	5	0	40	10	27
Doveton	11	2	3	50	17	24
Nth Dandy	10	3	3	48	20	23
Caulfield	10	1	5	69	20	21
Brighton B	6	6	4	52	24	18
Springvale	7	1	8	63	24	15
Karingal	5	2	9	45	44	12
Beaumaris	1	0	14	8	124	2
Brighton W	0	0	15	0	97	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	12	1	1	69	5	25
Nunawading	11	2	1	42	5	24
F. Pines	11	1	3	62	13	23
Karingal	9	0	5	37	24	18
Springvale	7	0	9	37	42	14
Doveton	5	1	8	33	33	11
Beaumaris	3	2	10	20	64	8
Overport	2	1	11	18	61	5
Keysboro	1	0	13	9	80	2

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The Appeal by the Victorian Soccer Federation on behalf of the victims of the recent earthquake disaster in Southern Europe raised the sum of $1085.23.

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ed back and will remain in first division.

Box Hill went out to prove the Victorian Soccer Federation was wrong in rejecting its application and granting Polonia readmission.

But things didn't work out as Box Hill had planned.

Polonia played the game of its life to win 4-0.

Late in the first half Box Hill looked the better side, but it was unable to convert on the many chances it had.

The second half was a sheer formality. Polonia was far too good for its humble opponents.

It ran right away with the match which turned out a walkover.

The return to form was refreshing for Polonia, as it had been down for so long.

Best players for Polonia, in an evenly matched team, were **Eddie Marmur** and **Mike Borucinski,** while for Box Hill, **Adam, Benton** and **McQueen** were the best.

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There is no substitute for match practice to get the players sharp — and this match practice would be provided by the lead-up series.

There is little danger that possible poor games pre-season would affect the prestige and drawing power of the league.

The way the preliminary series is envisaged, clubs will play off against each other in their home States, producing a finalist from each State to compete in the finals matches.

This will ensure that only the best will be on show at the end and, let's face it, only the finals will get publicity.

Ansett Soccer Club had a high-flying season, finishing top of the Industrial League third division ladder.

The team, coached by **Joe Timpano,** is pictured above.

Outstanding players this season have been: **Ian Leaves,** captain **Graeme Haynes** and **Wally Runciman.**

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΘΕΜΑ ΠΡΟΠΟΝΗΤΟΥ

Τὸ πρωτάθλημα Βικτωρίας ἀνήκει πλέον στὴν ἱστορία γιὰ τὶς δύο Ἑλληνικὲς ὁμάδες. Στὴν ἀρχὴ τῆς περιόδου καὶ οἱ δύο ὁμάδες εἶχαν πρόθημα προπονητοῦ τὸ ὁποῖο ἔλυσαν μὲ κάποιο πρόχειρο τρόπο θὰ ἔλεγα τρόπο. Ἡ Ἑλλὰς προσέλαβε τὸν Ἔντζλη διότι ἀνεκηρύχθη ὁ καλύτερος προπονητὴς τῆς χρονιᾶς. Παρ' ὅλο ὅτι ἡ Ἑλλὰς μαζί του πῆρε τὸ Ἄμπολ Κάπ καὶ προχώρησε κατὰ ἑπτὰ βαθμοὺς μπροστά, στὸ πρωτάθλημα ἐν τούτοις ὁ Ἔντζλη, ὅπως ἀπεδείχθη ἐκ τῶν ὑστέρων δὲν ἦταν ὁ κατάλληλος γιὰ μιὰ ὁμάδα ἡ ὁποία κάνει πρωταθλητισμό.

Εἴτε διότι δὲν ἤξερε νὰ ἐπιβληθῆ στοὺς παίκτες του, εἴτε διότι οἱ γνῶσεις του γιὰ τὸ ποδόσφαιρο δὲν ἦταν περισσότερες ἀπὸ τὶς δικές τους, ὁ Μ. Ἔντζλη παραιτήθηκε πρωτοῦ ἀπολυθῆ! Ἦταν μία περίπτωση παράξενη στὴν ἐξέλιξή της, διότι ὁ μὲν προπονητὴς ἦταν ἄκα τάλληλος ἡ δὲ ὁμάδα πῆρε τὸ πρωτάθλημα.

Τὰ πράγματα ὅμως ἦτον διαφορετικὰ στὸν Ἀλέξανδρο, ὅσον ἀφορᾶ τὸ θέμα προπονητοῦ. Πιοντάροντας στὴν κλάση του ὡς τερματοφύλακα καὶ... ἰστὴν οἰκονομία χρημάτων, ὁ Μέγας προβίβασε τὸν Τζάκ Ρέϊλυ στὴν θέση τοῦ προπονητή. Καὶ δῶ ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος πῆρε λανθασμένη ἀπόφαση ὅπως ἀποδήχθηκε. Ἡ σιδερένια πειθαρχία πούθέλησε νὰ ἐπιβάλλη στοὺς παίκτες του ἡ καλύτερα στοὺς συμπαίκτε ςτου, στράφηκε ἐναντίον του μὲ τὰ γνωστὰ ἀποτελέσματα. Αὐτὸ δὲ πού χειροτέρεψε τὰ πράγματα ἦταν ἡ ἐλλειψη γκολτζῆ καὶ ἀγωνιστικότητος τῶν παικτῶν του.

Ὅλοι θὰ συμφωνήσουν ὅτι ὁ Τζάκ Ρέϊλυ δὲν πέτυχε στὸ ἔργο του. Τὸ ἀντελήφθη δέ καὶ ὁ ἴδιος ὅτι ἦταν νωρὶς νὰ ἀναλάβη τὸν Μέγα καὶ τοῦ χρόνου θὰ ἐπιστρέψη κάτω ἀπὸ τὰ δοκάρια καὶ πάλι.

Ὁ Μέγας συνεπῶς θὰ μείνη καὶ πάλι χωρὶς προπονητὴ καὶ αὐτὴ τὴ φορὰ τὸ θέμα του εἶναι πολὺ πιὸ σοβαρό. Δὲν ὑπάρχουν πλέον περιθώρια ἡμίμετρα καὶ βιαστικὲς ἀποφάσεις. Ὁ Μέγας χρειάζεται προπονητὴ ἀξίας. Προπονητὴ πού ὄχι μόνον θὰ τὸν κα θοδηγήση σωστὰ στὴ δύσκολη ἐθνική κατηγορία, ἀλλὰ πού θὰ δουλέψη σὲ βάθος γιὰ τὴν ὁμάδα, πού θ' ἀναπτύξη τὸ ταλέντο τῶν μικρῶν, πού θὰ ἔχει ἀξιοὐδέρκεια νὰ ἐντοπίση ἕνα νεαρὸ ταλαντοῦχο μιᾶς ἄλλης ὁμάδος στὶς μεταγραφὲς.

Μ' ἄλλα λόγια ἕναν ἔμπειρο καὶ πετυχημένο προπονητή. Προσωπικὰ δὲν νομίζω ὅτι ὑπάρχει τέτοιος προπονητὴς στὴν Αὐστραλία, ἐκτὸς ἀπὸ ἕναν ἢ δύο οἱ ὁποῖοι ἤδη ἐργάζονται σέ μεγάλες ὁμάδες.

Ὑπάρχουν ὅμως ἀρκετοί στὴν Εὐρώπη καὶ πρὸς ἐκεῖνη πὴν κατεύθυνση θὰ πρέπη νὰ στραφῆ ὁ Μέγας. Πολλοὶ θὰ διαφωνήσουν, λέγοντας ὅτι θὰ κοστίση πολλὰ ἕνας καλὸς ποροπονητὴς.

Θὰ κάνη ὅμως πολύ καλύτερη δουλειὰ ἀπ' ὅτι ἕνα «ἀστέρι» πού ἀ κοστίση τὰ ἴδια χρήματα γιὰ 10 — 15 ἀγῶνες.

Οἱ ὑποχρεώσεις τοῦ Μέγα ἔχουν τελειώσει γιὰ τὸ '76. Ἔχει στὴν διάθεσή του πρῶτον νὰ φτιάξη τὴν ὁμάδα του ἡ ὁποία κοντεύει νὰ διαλυθῆ καὶ δεύτερο ἕναν ἀξιόλογο προπονητὴ γιὰ νὰ μπορέση νὰ σταθῆ στὴν ἐθνική κατηγορία καὶ νὰ μή καταντήση κλωτσοσκούφι τῶν ὁμάδων τοῦ Σύδνεϋ.

Ἡ Ἑλλὰς ἔχει τακτοποιήση τὸ θέμα προπονητοῦ μὲ τὸν κ. Πουλακάκη, τὸν πιὸ ἔμπειρο ἴσως προπονητὴ στὴν Αὐστραλία, καί μὲ μερικὲς προσθῆκες παικτῶν θὰ εἶναι ἕτοιμη τοῦ χρόνου γιὰ τὸ ξεκίνημα.

Ὁ Μέγας ὅμως γιὰ νὰ εἶναι ἕτοιμος πρέπει νὰ ἀρχίση τὴν σοβαρὴ δουλειὰ γιὰ τὸ μέλλον ἀπὸ τώρα.. Τὸ ὀφείλει στούς φιλάθλους του.

Π. Γεωργίου

TITLE TO 'BOROUGH

Greensborough won the Women's division one league championship when it beat Green Gully 2-1 after extra time at Box Hill on Sunday.

The game was played as expected — fast, furious and exciting.

Greensborough, top side all year, won the title after a torrid and evenly contested match.

Green Gully's **Mimie Soliora** *collided with Greensborough goalie* **Monika Werner** *during the match, and had to be taken to hospital.*

Late on Monday she was still in hospital under observation.

Greensborough's record for the year is most impressive.

It won the league, the five a side tournament, VWSA shield and the championship cup and finished runners up to Melton in the lightning premiership early in the year.

Last season it took the clean sweep, winning all five.

Betty Hoar *scored Greensborough's two goals and* **Elizabeth Stuart** *was Green Gully's scorer.*

Footscray's young star Mendo Ristovski beats a Croydon defender to the ball and drives his side forward.

Up and over goes JUST hero Branko Buljevic. Buljevic jumps sideways as Croydon's reserve goalie gets set to pounce on the ball.

VIC.

DOCKERTY CUP
Semi-Finals

POLONIA 1 (Herman) d ESSENDON LIONS 0.
FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Buljevic) d SUNSHINE CITY 0.

NEXT GAMES

Saturday: Federation Cup, quarter finals: Green Gully v Altona City; S'vale City v Newport; Albion Rovers v Brighton; Doveton v Essendon Lions.

Sunday: Dockerty Cup final: Polonia v Footscray JUST.

Federation Cup Rd 2: Waverley City 0, Green Gully 2 (aet); Coburg 2, Altona City 4 (aet); Newport 2, Princes Park 0; Ringwood United 0, Doveton 1; Essendon Lions 3, Frankston City 1; Springvale City 1, Dandenong City 0; Albion Rovers 5, Clayton 0; Heidelberg 0, Brighton 1.

BLACK DOUGLAS CUP FINAL
Ford Falcons 1, Cartre 2.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION
Division 1: Standard AST 3, Ericsson 4.
Division 2: Wills 4, Philip Morris 0.
Division 3: Diecraft 3, Lysaght 1.
Division 4 West: CIG P, KSC P; Leyland 1, Colyer Watson 3.
Friendly: AHD 1, Tarax 5; Inter Bank Soccer Cup: ANZ Bank 1, CBC Bank 2 (after extra time).

DIVISION 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cartre	13	2	3	64	31	28
Pegasus	12	3	3	51	17	27
McColl Dyn (A)	13	1	3	42	18	27
Standard AST	9	4	5	43	38	22
Kodak Utd	5	8	4	36	32	18
Repco R'mond	6	3	9	40	50	15
Ericsson	5	4	9	28	53	14
Tarax	6	1	11	32	46	13
Bowater Scott	5	2	11	37	48	12
Bosch	0	2	16	26	65	2

DIVISION 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ford	15	2	1	51	10	32
Wills	11	4	3	59	28	26
Pub. Works 'A'	9	5	4	35	19	23
Sperry Vickers	10	2	6	41	30	22
Siemens 'A'	6	6	6	34	41	18
Mid. Pk VRI 'A'	6	4	8	32	37	16
ANZ Bank 'A'	5	5	8	30	40	15
Philip Morris	4	5	9	29	31	13
Rangers	2	4	12	24	59	8
ACI Box Hill	2	3	13	28	70	7

DIVISION 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ansett	14	2	2	58	16	30
TAA	13	3	2	54	17	29
Diecraft	13	2	3	62	16	28
Lysaght	8	2	8	42	34	18
LETS	7	4	7	43	35	18
LBI	7	2	9	31	39	16
Rowntree H	6	3	9	24	50	15
CBC Bank	5	1	12	16	44	11
Taxation	4	1	13	27	69	9
Ford United	2	2	14	19	55	6

DIVISION 4 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colyer Watson	14	2	4	56	20	30
Leyland	12	6	2	65	30	30
James Miller	13	4	3	59	29	30
KSC Utd	11	5	3	62	26	27
RAAF Pt Cook	11	5	4	63	40	27
The Age	7	4	9	33	46	18
CIG	7	1	11	43	50	15
AHD	6	3	11	33	52	15
Repco Coold	5	3	12	28	64	11
WBA	4	2	14	24	37	10
ANZ Bank 'B'	1	1	18	18	88	3

Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup Semi-f: Ringwood City 0, Hellas 1; George Cross Courage 3, Albion Rovers 0.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	15	6	1	54	15	36
Altona City	15	4	3	39	11	34
Essendon Lions	11	8	3	32	17	30
Frankston City	12	4	6	36	21	28
Box Hill	12	2	8	37	26	26
Albion Rovers	7	8	7	26	23	22
Waverley City	7	6	9	27	33	20
Croydon City	7	6	9	24	31	20
Melbourne	6	4	12	29	37	16
St Albans	5	6	11	20	33	16
Western Suburbs	2	4	16	23	59	8
Keilor City	3	2	17	16	57	8

DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong City	13	5	4	41	17	31
Springvale City	12	5	5	35	20	29
Keilor	12	5	5	31	27	29
Newport	10	8	4	38	21	28
Princes Park	10	3	9	35	35	23
Doveton	8	6	8	29	31	22
Richmond	6	7	9	28	31	19
Moreland	7	5	10	16	23	19
Ferntree Gully	5	8	9	12	23	18
Brighton	5	7	10	36	43	17
Bayswater	5	5	12	34	49	15
Heidelberg	4	6	12	17	32	14

DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bell Park	12	6	4	45	30	30
Eltham	13	3	6	47	32	29
Prahran City	12	5	5	43	32	29
North Carlton	12	4	6	48	33	28
Port Melbourne	10	4	8	55	39	24
Coburg	8	5	9	35	35	21
Park Rangers	8	4	10	26	33	20
Moorabbin	8	3	11	33	40	19
Chelsea	7	5	10	26	38	19
Ringwood United	7	4	11	34	44	18
Yallourn	5	5	12	37	58	15
Doncaster Rovers	3	6	13	25	42	12

DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Broadmeadows	18	2	2	54	21	38
Essendon City	13	5	4	55	37	31
Ballarat	12	5	5	51	34	29
Sandringham City	11	6	5	58	35	28
Rosebud	8	4	10	50	49	20
Corio	9	2	11	37	37	20
Caulfield City	6	6	10	34	41	18
Clayton	5	8	9	34	43	18
Univ of Melbourne	7	3	12	35	47	17
Monash Univ	7	3	12	26	39	17
Mornington	4	7	11	32	51	15
South Yarra	5	3	14	28	60	13

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	13	6	3	60	24	32
Morwell Falcons	14	3	5	80	31	31
Fawkner	14	3	5	45	23	31
Frankston Pines	11	8	3	56	35	30
Werribee	11	6	5	46	26	28
Hotham United	10	8	4	53	41	28
Hamlyn Rangers	11	4	7	39	28	26
Central Altona	7	2	13	37	68	16
Nunawading	4	4	14	20	49	12
Langwarrin	4	3	15	36	62	11
Sth Dandenong	4	3	15	26	60	11
Carlton	2	4	16	34	94	8

DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essendon Lions	20	0	2	50	13	40
Waverley City	13	6	3	39	24	32
Frankston City	12	3	7	45	26	27
Croydon City	10	5	7	33	33	25
Box Hill	9	2	11	35	36	20
St Albans	6	8	8	24	26	20
Keilor City	9	2	11	33	38	20
Altona City	8	3	11	36	35	19
Albion Rovers	7	5	10	31	33	19
Western Suburbs	5	5	12	28	44	15
Melbourne	4	6	12	22	46	14
Green Gully	4	5	13	13	35	13

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	17	2	3	58	15	36
Keilor	16	2	4	51	20	34
Heidelberg	13	4	5	42	26	30
Moreland	12	5	5	38	23	29
Ferntree Gully	9	5	8	33	30	23
Springvale City	6	8	8	31	32	20
Brighton	4	11	7	22	29	19
Newport	7	4	11	41	49	18
Dandenong City	7	4	11	35	44	18
Bayswater	4	6	12	28	43	14
Richmond	4	6	12	32	63	14
Princes Park	4	3	15	20	54	11

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eltham	15	5	2	65	17	35
Chelsea	13	3	6	48	23	29
Park Rangers	12	5	5	33	23	29
Ringwood United	13	2	7	53	27	28
Prahran City	11	3	8	49	33	25
Doncaster Rovers	8	6	8	33	38	22
Bell Park	10	2	10	28	35	22
Moorabbin City	9	3	10	38	39	21
Port Melbourne	7	4	11	33	36	18
Coburg	7	2	13	28	50	16
Yallourn	3	4	15	29	74	10
North Carlton	3	3	16	18	60	9

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Broadmeadows	18	2	2	75	22	38
Ballarat	13	4	5	61	25	30
Clayton	14	2	6	52	25	30
Univ of Melbourne	13	4	5	60	35	30
Monash Univ	13	3	6	53	22	29
Sandringham City	10	5	7	60	42	25
Corio	9	2	11	33	48	20
Caulfield City	5	9	8	32	55	19
Essendon City	7	4	11	45	47	18
South Yarra	3	3	16	25	64	9
Rosebud	2	5	15	22	76	9
Mornington	2	3	17	20	77	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fawkner	17	4	1	87	15	38
Frankston Pines	15	3	4	61	34	33
Geelong	14	5	3	75	42	33
Werribee	13	3	6	71	38	29
Morwell Falcons	10	8	4	70	40	28
Langwarrin	9	3	10	46	60	21
Nunawading	7	5	10	35	35	19
Hotham Utd	7	3	12	39	53	17
South Dandenong	7	3	12	39	54	17
Hamlyn Rangers	7	3	12	34	51	17
Central Altona	1	4	17	25	80	6
Carlton	0	6	16	21	101	6

DISTRICT LEAGUE

North Div: Rosanna Bye. Mitcham Utd v Diamond Creek 2-1 (Reserves 3-2); Greensborough v Gladstone Park 0-0 (2-2); Bulleen v Regent 2-3 (3-4); Banksia v Thomastown 1-2 (2-4).

South Div: Keringal v Clariada 1-4 (6-0); Hampton v North Dandenong 2-3 (3-2); Berwick City v Sandown 1-1 (0-6); Nth Springvale v Monbulk 2-0 (1-0); Noble Park v Mordialloc 0-1 (4-1); Boronia v South Oakleigh 4-2 (2-0).

EAST DIV: Nunawading v Royal Park 1-2 (3-0); Crescent Utd v Stradbroke 3-3 (1-1); Clifton Hill v Thornbury 3-0.

WEST DIV: Kensington v Sunbury 2-2 (2-2); Central Bruns v Williamstown 2-2; Ascot Utd v Wiltons 1-1 (2-2).

CHAMPIONS

North Div: Firsts — Gladstone Park. Reserves — Greensborough.
South Div: Nth Springvale. Nth Dandenong.
West Div: Williamstown. Sunbury.
East Div: West Melbourne. Nunawading Utd.
Central Div: Postal Institute. Hawthorn.

NORTH DIVISION
FIRSTS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladstone Park	16	4	0	65	19	35
Greensborough	16	3	1	71	23	34
Thomastown	13	1	4	54	22	27
Regent	10	5	4	55	24	25
Bulleen	10	4	5	62	30	24
Mitcham	9	1	10	41	41	19
Banksia	5	5	10	35	52	16
Rosanna	6	3	10	40	49	15
Diamond Creek	4	0	16	32	100	8
Latrobe Uni	3	1	15	29	95	7

RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greensborough	19	1	0	94	10	39
Thomastown	17	1	2	65	14	35
Regent	11	3	6	49	39	25
Gladstone Park	10	4	6	34	28	24
Bulleen	10	3	7	45	30	23
Rosanna	8	4	7	39	32	20
Banksia	5	5	10	31	43	15
Diamond Creek	6	3	11	24	53	15
Mitcham	5	4	11	15	71	13
Latrobe Uni	3	2	15	21	59	8

SOUTHS
THIRDS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	16	2	1	88	20	34
Caulfield	16	2	1	83	32	34
Clayton	13	1	4	75	29	27
Frankston Pines	12	1	7	50	49	25
Springvale City	9	1	9	55	39	19
Chelsea	9	1	9	36	51	19
Sandringham City	8	1	9	53	46	17
Moorabbin City	6	4	9	44	45	16
Brighton	5	1	13	35	56	11
Frankston City	2	0	17	13	31	4
Boronia	1	0	18	20	157	2

GOULBURN VALLEY
Second Semi-final

First grade: Cobram 7, Shepparton South 6 (decided on penalties); Second grade: Cobram 1, Shepparton South 0; Third grade: Tatura 4, Cobram 3 (decided on penalties).

NEXT WEEK
Preliminary finals at Kyabram

First grade: Lemnos v Shepparton South; Second grade: Myrtleford v Shepparton South; Third grade: Shepparton South v Cobram.

NSW

ROTHMANS CUP FINAL

HAKOAH 3 (Smith, Barnes, Silva) d SOUTH SYDNEY-CROATIA 1 (Mowbray own goal).

PLAY-OFF FOR THIRD

MARCONI 2 (Sharne, Campbell) d WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Gaffney).

NEXT GAMES

Sunday — Ampol championship series semi-final: Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs v Marconi-Fairfield (Sydney Sports Ground).

Monday: St George-Budapest v Apia-Leichhardt (Sydney Sports Ground).

FINAL TABLE NSW 2nd Division 1st Grade 1976

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside-Avalo	18	2	2	54	22	38
Yugal-Prague	16	1	5	56	27	33
Bankstown	13	5	4	36	20	31
Canterbury	12	4	6	55	35	28
Arncliffe Scots	12	4	6	47	39	28
Northern Districts	9	1	12	32	41	19
Polonia	6	5	11	33	45	17
Marrickville	6	5	11	19	36	17
Toongabbie	5	6	11	33	40	16
Guildford	7	2	13	29	42	16
North Sydney-Inter	2	7	13	21	39	11
Melita Eagles	3	4	15	29	58	10

SA

COCA-COLA CUP
First play-off

HELLAS 2 (Zervas, Kritikos) d POLONIA 1 (Dooley).

BEST — Hellas: Pilians, Yeolos, Pantelis. Polonia: Petit, H. Kolocki, Delley.

BAILETTI CUP
Final

Elizabeth d Azzurri 3-1.

JUNIOR CUP
Replay

Apac d Victoria 2-1.

QLD

Redlands 1 (Millman) d Morton East 0.

Lions 2 (Lasle, Hurland) d Brisbane City 1 (Johnston).

NEXT GAMES

Sunday — preliminary final. Brisbane City v Redlands (Perry Park).

WOMEN

Greensborough 2 (Betty Hoar) 2, Green Gully 1 (Elizabeth Stuart) after extra time.

OVERSEAS

GUATEMALA

Guatemala beat Panama 7-1 on Sunday to go to the Central American qualifying group for the 1978 World Soccer Cup finals.

VANCOUVER

Canada and the United States drew 1-1 in their World Cup qualifying match in Vancouver last Friday.

BORIS BANDOV put the United States ahead in the eighth minute.

BOB BOLITHO equalised for Canada in the 78th minute.

ABIDJAN

Ivory Coast has qualified for the next qualifying round of the World Soccer Cup by beating Upper Volta 2-0.

The first leg had been drawn 1-1.

Both goals came in the opening half. LUCIEN KOUAME scored the first (17 minutes) and KOBINA KOUMAH the second (35).

ROME

Italy beat Yugoslavia 3-0 in their international Football friendly played on Saturday.

FRANCE

Valenciennes 1, Lille 0; Metz 2, Sochaux 0; Marseilles 4, Bastia 1; Nice 2, Rheims 3; Bordeaux 0, Nimes 0; Lens 3, Paris St Germain 3; Laval 3, Lyons 0; Nantes 3, Nancy 1; St Etienne 4, Rennes 0.

HUNGARY

Honved 1, Csepel 0; Szeol 1, Kaposvar Rakoczi 0; Raba-eto 5, Dunaujvaros 0; Ferencvaros 1, Bekescsaba 1; Dorog 1, Salgotarjan 0; Kaladas 2, Diosgyor 0; Zalaegerszeg 2, MTK-VM 1; Videoton 4, Tatabanya 2; Ujpest Dozsa 5, Vasas 4.

Ujpest Dozsa heads the table with 16 points, followed by Ferencvaros 14, Haladas 13, Vasas 11.

RUMANIA

Steaua 3, Resita FCM 1; Progresul 0, Turgu Mures ASA 1; Hunedoara 0, Bucharest Dynamo 2; Sportul Studentesc 1, Timosoara Politehnica 0.

Bucharest Dynamo heads the table with 12 points, followed by Sportul Studentesc 11.

RUSSIA

Spartak Moscow 0, Dinamo Tbilisi 0; Dinamo Kiev 3, Ararat Yerevan 2; Shakhtyor Donetsk 0, Dinamo Moscow ME 1; Dinamo Minsk 2, Dnepr Dnieprpetrovsk 0.

AUSTRIA

Lask 0, Austria/WAC 1; SSW Innsbruck 0, Austria Salzburg 0; Rapid 0, Vienna 0; Admira Wacker 0, GAK 0; Sturm Graz 3, Voeest Linz 1.

SSW Innsbruck leads the table with 13 points, followed by Austria Salzburg 12, Voeest Linz and Vienna, 10 each.

EAST BERLIN

Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Dynamo Dresden 2; FC Magdeburg 3, Stahl Riesa 0; FC Karl Marx Stadt 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1; FC Carl Zeiss Jena 4, Wismut Aue 2; FC Norwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 1, FC Union Berlin 0; FC Chemie Halle 1, Hansa Rostock 3; Dynamo Berlin 2, FC Lok Leipzig 1.

WEST GERMANY

Bayern Munich 4, FC Cologne 1; Karlsruher SC 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Schalke 04 5, Tennis Borussia Berlin 4; VFL Bochum 2, Borussia Dortmund 1; FC Saarbruecken 0, Fortuna Duesseldorf 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach 6, Rot-Weiss Essen 0; Hamburger SV 0, Eintracht Brunswick 2; MSV Duisburg 1, FC Kaiserslautern 0.

BELGIUM

Courtrai 1, Antwerp 3; Standard Liege 3, Beveren 0; Lokeren 1, FC Liegeois 1; Beerschot 1, As Ostend 0; Lierse 2, Waregem 1; Charleroi 2, Wintersiag 1; Anderlecht 6, CS Bruges 1; FC Brugeois 1, RWD Molenbeek 0; Beringen 3, FC Malinois 0.

PORTUGAL

Montijo 1, Porto 1; Leixoes 1, Sporting 2; Benfica 1, Academico 0; Boavista 2, Varzim 3; Belenense 0, Setubal 1; Guimaraes 2, Estoril 1; Portimonense 0, Braga 0, Beira Mar 1, Atletico 1.

Overall classification after four matches: Sporting 8 points, Porto 6, Braga 5, Varzim 5, Estoril 4, Boavista 4, Academico 4, Beira Mar 4, Setubal 4, Benfica 4, Guimaraes 4, Montijo 3, Portimonense 3, Leixoes 2, Belenenses 2, and Atletico 2 points.

POLAND

LKS Lodz 4, Szombierki Bytom 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0, Wisla Krakow 0; GKS Tychy 0, Gornik Zabrze 1; Lech Poznan 1, Stal Mielec 5; Legia Warsaw 0, Pogon Szczecin 1; Arka Gdynia 4, Ruch Chorzow 1; Row Rybnik 2, Widzew Lodz 2; Odra Opole 0, Slask Wroclaw 1.

Leading position: 1. LKS Lodz, 2 Stal Mielec, 3 Slask Wroclaw, 4 Zaglebie Sosnowiec — all 11 points.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE. — Aston Villa 2, Leicester 0; Coventry 2, Birmingham 1; Derby County 2, West Bromwich Albion 2; Everton 2, Bristol C. 0; Ipswich 3, Arsenal 1; Manchester City 1, Manchester Utd 3; Middlesborough 1, Leeds 0; Newcastle 1, Liverpool 0; Queens Park Rangers 2, Stoke 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Norwich 1; West Ham 1, Sunderland 1.

DIVISION TWO. — Blackpool 0, Chelsea 1; Bristol R 5, Notts County 1; Burnley 0, Hull 0; Fulham 4, Hereford 1; Nottingham Forest 5, Carlisle 1; Oldham 0, Orient 0; Plymouth Argyle 1, Bolton 1; Sheffield Utd. 1; Blackburn 1; Wolverhampton 1, Luton 2.

DIVISION THREE. — Bury 4, Peterborough 1; Chesterfield 1, Lincoln 4; Crystal Palace 2, Mansfield 0; Grimsby 1, Preston 0; Northampton 0, Walsall 1; Portsmouth 0, Reading 2; Port Vale 1, Shrewsbury 2; Rotham 1, Chester 1; Swindon 2, Gillingham 2; Tranmere 1, Brighton 3; Wrexham 2, Sheffield Wed. 2; York 2, Oxford 1.

DIVISIN FOUR. — Aldershot 2, Swansea 2; Barnsley 2, Bradford 2; B'mouth 0, Colchester 0; Crewe Alexandra 1, Rochdale 1; Doncaster 4, Darlington 0; Huddersfield 2, Stockport 0; Southport 0, Newport 1; Watford 4, Exeter 1; Workington 0, Cambridge 2; Torquay 1, Brentford 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION. — Dundee 2, Partick Thistle 1; Hibernian 0, Aberdeen 0; Kilmarnock 0, Celtic 4; Motherwell 4, Ayr 1; Rangers 4, Hearts 2.

DIVISION ONE. — Arbroath 0, St Mirren 2; Dumbarton 1, Hamilton 2; East Fife 0, Morton 1; Falkirk 1; Dundee 6; Montrose 2, Clydebank 2; Queen of the South 1, Raith 0; St Johnstone 0, Airdrieonians 2.

DIVISION TWO. — Albion 2, Brechin 2; Alloa 1, Stenhousemuir 2; Cowdenbeath 1, Stirling 1; East Stirling 3, Queens Park 0; Forfar 2, Stranraer 4; Meadowbank 1, Dunfermline 1.

NORTHERN IRISH-ULSTER CUP. — Ballymena 1, Portadown 4; Bangor 1, Glentoran 0; Crusaders 2, Cliftonville 0; Distillery 2, Larne 1; Glenavon 3, Ards 3; Linfield 1, Coleraine 0.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

DIVISION TWO. — Cardiff 0, Millwall 0; Charlton 6, Southampton 2.

DIVISION FOUR — Halifax 1, Hartlepool 0; Southend 1, Scunthorpe 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	5	0	2	11	6	10
Middlesbrough	4	2	1	5	3	10
Manchester United	3	3	1	13	8	9
Manchester City	3	3	1	9	6	9
Aston Villa	4	0	3	15	8	8
Everton	3	2	2	12	7	8
Arsenal	3	2	2	11	8	8
Newcastle United	2	4	1	9	7	8
Queens Park Rangers	3	2	2	9	10	8
Bristol City	2	3	2	8	7	7
West Bromwich Albion	2	3	2	8	7	7
Coventry City	3	1	3	10	10	7
Ipswich Town	2	3	2	12	12	7
Stoke City	2	3	2	5	8	7
Birmingham City	2	2	3	7	8	6
Leicester City	0	6	1	5	7	6
Tottenham Hotspur	2	2	3	6	10	6
Leeds United	1	3	3	8	10	5
Derby County	0	5	2	6	9	5
West Ham United	1	3	3	4	10	5
Norwich City	1	2	4	3	9	4
Sunderland	0	4	3	5	11	4

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	5	1	1	10	8	11
Wolverhampton Wanderers	3	3	1	14	5	9
Bolton Wanderers	4	1	2	14	8	9
Fulham	3	3	1	11	7	9
Oldham Athletic	3	3	1	9	9	9
Blackpool	4	0	3	12	8	8
Millwall	3	2	2	11	8	8
Nottingham Forest	2	4	1	15	12	8
Bristol Rovers	3	2	2	9	7	8
Charlton Athletic	3	2	2	14	13	8
Hull City	2	3	2	10	9	7
Sheffield United	1	5	1	9	8	7
Luton Town	3	1	3	11	12	7
Notts County	3	1	3	10	12	7
Burnley	2	2	3	7	8	6
Hereford United	2	2	3	12	13	6
Carlisle United	2	2	3	9	15	6
Plymouth Argyle	1	3	3	12	13	5
Cardiff City	2	1	4	9	12	5
Orient	1	2	4	5	9	4
Blackburn Rovers	1	2	4	5	11	4
Southampton	0	3	4	5	16	3

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton and Hove Albion	5	1	1	18	9	11
Shrewsbury Town	4	2	1	15	8	10
Swindon Town	4	2	1	13	8	10
Reading	4	2	2	12	9	10
Wrexham	4	1	2	14	7	9
Lincoln City	3	3	1	11	5	9
Rotherham United	3	3	1	11	5	9
Bury	4	1	2	13	9	9
Mansfield Town	4	1	2	11	7	9
Crystal Palace	4	1	2	7	4	9
Gillingham	3	3	1	13	12	9
Sheffield Wednesday	2	3	2	11	12	7
Preston North End	1	4	2	8	7	6
Oxford United	2	2	3	14	14	6
Chester	2	2	3	5	8	6
Peterborough United	2	2	3	8	11	6
Tranmere Rovers	2	1	4	6	8	5
Grimsby Town	2	1	4	7	13	5
York City	2	1	4	7	15	5
Walsall	1	2	4	7	11	4
Northampton Town	1	2	4	4	9	4
Portsmouth	1	2	4	5	10	4
Port Vale	1	2	5	6	13	4
Chesterfield	1	2	4	4	16	4

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stockport County	5	1	1	13	6	11
Bradford City	4	2	1	20	9	10
Cambridge United	4	2	1	13	4	10
Aldershot	4	2	1	10	7	10
Rochdale	3	3	1	9	6	9
Bournemouth	3	3	1	9	7	9
Watford	4	0	3	14	12	8
Huddersfield Town	3	2	2	7	6	8
Southend United	2	4	1	8	7	8
Colchester United	3	1	3	10	8	7
Doncaster Rovers	2	3	2	11	11	7
Swansea City	2	3	2	10	14	7
Scunthorpe United	2	2	2	11	7	6
Barnsley	2	2	2	48	7	6
Crewe Alexandra	2	2	3	8	11	6
Exeter City	2	2	2	9	12	6
Torquay United	2	1	2	6	5	5
Newport County	2	1	4	4	7	5
Halifax Town	1	3	3	6	10	5
Workington	1	3	3	5	10	5
Darlington	2	1	4	6	12	5
Brentford	1	2	3	6	7	4
Hartlepool	0	3	4	5	13	3
Southport	0	2	5	3	13	2

(Excluding Torquay/Brentford 1830 GMT kickoff).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dundee United	4	0	0	9	3	8
Aberdeen	2	2	0	9	2	6
Rangers	1	3	0	7	5	5
Celtic	1	2	1	8	5	4
Motherwell	1	2	1	7	6	4
Hibernian	0	3	1	4	5	3
Partick Thistle	1	1	2	3	4	3
Hearts	0	3	1	6	8	3
Kilmarnock	0	2	2	1	7	2
Ayr United	1	0	3	4	13	2

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dundee	4	3	0	19	10	11
Clydebank	4	2	0	12	4	10
Airdrieonians	3	3	0	13	8	9
Montrose	3	3	1	10	7	9
St Mirren	3	2	1	11	7	8
Hamilton Academicals	3	2	2	13	13	8
Queen of the South	2	3	2	9	8	7
Morton	2	2	2	10	10	6
St Johnstone	2	2	3	8	9	6
East Fife	1	3	3	7	11	5
Arbroath	1	2	4	4	10	4
Raith Rovers	1	2	4	3	10	4
Falkirk	1	1	4	10	17	3
Dumbarton	1	0	5	6	11	2

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stranraer	6	0	1	17	6	12
Alloa	3	3	1	17	9	9
Cowdenbeath	3	3	0	8	2	9
East Stirling	3	3	1	12	8	9
Stirling Albion	3	2	1	11	6	8
Clyde	2	3	2	12	12	7
Queens Park	3	1	3	10	10	7
Stenhousemuir	3	0	4	8	11	6
Albion Rovers	1	3	1	9	10	5
Meadowbank Thistle	0	5	1	6	7	5
Dunfermline Athletic	1	3	3	7	10	5
Brechin City	0	5	2	6	12	5
Forfar Athletic	0	3	4	5	15	3
Berwick Rangers	0	2	4	4	12	2

It's another goal for Footscray JUST and they race further ahead against Croydon in their Dockerty Cup match at Middle Park.
Footscray won the game 4-1.